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STORM DAMAGE



Hail of a storm

Wind, hail cause widespread damage across central Illinois

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

A storm that passed through the area April 17 didn't spawn local tornadoes. That doesn't mean it didn't cause damage and plenty of inconvenience.

Power to at least 300 Ameren Illinois customers in the Williamsfield area was out for about 30 hours. Service was restored about noon Sunday, according to Village President Robert Johnson.

The village firehouse was used as a warming center and a cellphone-charging station.

Damage to area utility poles caused at least some of the extended outage, apparently. At least three snapped poles were reported about three miles

south of Billtown, according to the National Weather Service office in Lincoln. At least one snapped tree also was reported in that area.

Hail almost 2 inches in diameter was measured in Williamsfield. The same dimensions also were reported in Toulon, according to the Weather Service. The Laura area received smaller hail, between 1 and 1 1/4 inches.

Property damage appeared to be widespread in places, including Toulon, which experienced extensive damage to vehicle windows, siding and residential windows.

Winds ripped the roof off a metal barn in West Jersey, the Weather Service reported. Debris also was found scattered in a



Clockwise from top, hail of up to nearly 2 inches fell in and around Williamsfield and littered the ground, damaging siding there and in Toulon and breaking windows, including one at Billtown Village President Robert Johnson's house (above).

field about three miles southwest of Williamsfield. In Elmwood, tree branches were blown down near Knox and Main streets. A power pole was downed near Princeville Village Hall.

The storm passed through the area about 6 p.m. Traffic on Interstate 74 southwest of Williamsfield was stopped for more than an hour because of a flipped semi-

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Princeville facing shortfall in revenue

Assessed property value \$200K shy of school district's request

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The Princeville School District will not be receiving all the property-tax revenue it requested for this year. That might provide more fuel for a potential district bond issue.

Last year, the Princeville School Board approved a tax levy of \$7,562,845. But based on assessed property value in the three counties the district covers, the levy

extension is to be \$7,336,197.

"It's not terribly common. It's not terribly uncommon, either,"

Princeville Superintendent Tony Shinnall said about the projected shortfall. "It really depends on the economic conditions of the

year and what the assessed value is."

The district also is short at least \$120,000 in state funding related to student-

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Inside

• Police employ drone during standoff near Princeville.

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City of Farmington OKs surplus budget

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Weekly Post

FARMINGTON – A tentative budget surplus and an ongoing demolition project were two main topics of discussion Monday during a meeting of the Farmington City Council.

During a pre-meeting budget hearing that elicited no public comment, Farmington Mayor Kenn Stufflebeam said the city's amended budget for Fiscal Year 2027 currently in-

cludes a surplus of \$168,000. That surplus is despite full funding for usual expenses and some extras, Stufflebeam said, and could change over the course of the May 1 to April 30, 2027, fiscal year.

The summary Stufflebeam presented includes \$3.975 million in projected revenues and \$3.451 in projected expenses and would leave Farmington with \$4.621 million in cash on hand at the end of the

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PRINCEVILLE: Boys hoops coach resigns

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transportation, according to Shinall. He has suggested the board might want to exercise its authority to issue up to \$1.3 million in bonds, in case the district needed additional cash.

A representative of Kings Financial Consulting Inc. of Monticello is expected to present bond-issue options when the board meets in May. In 2024, Kings facilitated board adoption of bond-issuing authority.

During a meeting April

14, Board Vice President Michael Harmon suggested restraint regarding how much in bonds he and his colleagues authorize, if it comes to that. An issue that matches the levy and transportation differences might pass muster.

“What are the shortfalls and projected shortfalls?” Harmon said. “What would not resonate with me is an ask for fear and concern. I would like to see that be a little bit crisp and we know what we’re asking for and we know

what the impact will be.”

Following the meeting, Shinall said Harmon made a wonderful point. District officials intend to reassess some things, including contracts for professional services, to see what can be pared.

“Just continuing to find the best bang for our buck,” Shinall said.

Among action items, the board approved a \$6,519.07 deal with HD Supply for a floor scrubber for the junior-senior high school. Also authorized was a \$41,445.63 contract with Heart Technologies Inc. of East Peoria for grade-school security cameras, to be installed this summer.

The high school FFA chapter was OK’d for a trip May 26-28 to the Wisconsin Dells.

Following closed session, board members voted

to appoint Madison Boland as a daycare employee.

They also accepted the resignations of 7th-grade volleyball Coach Jessica Bliss and high school boys basketball Coach Tait Sennett.

Earlier, the board learned the Illinois State Board of Education honored employees Alex Coulter, Kelly Jenkins and Summer Rice. Those technology and mass-communications administrators were among “Those Who Excel” winners statewide.

The designation is for educators deemed to have made significant contributions to schools. Among other duties, Princeville technology students troubleshoot school computer issues and produce a regular news program aired on the internet. They also received ISBE honors.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Hot Picks Ahead

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- **Plant Sale** – Princeville High School FFA has a plant sale starting today, April 23, through May 9.
- **Dog Bingo** – Brimfield Public Library has Doggie Bingo Nite with Woof therapy dogs Monday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. Free program, ages 18 and up. Registration required. Email adultservices@brimfieldlibrary.com or call (309) 446-9575.

This Week's Events

- **Poetry Reading** – To honor National Poetry Month, George Tanner will give a poetry reading today, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. at Salem Township Public Library in Yates City.
- **Garden Club** – Peoria Garden Club honors Nancy Crawford, designer of Constitution Garden at Riverfront Park, at the foot of Morton Street off NE Adams Street on Arbor Day, Friday, April 24, at 2 p.m.
- **Spring Concerts** – Local high schools will perform in the 38th Gerald M. Brookhart Arts in Education Spring Celebration in Peoria on these dates:
 - April 27 – St. Mary's School of Kickapoo, 11 a.m. to noon, Riverfront Museum Sun Plaza
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- May 12 – Princeville Junior-Senior High School, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Caterpillar Visitors Center Rear Plaza.

Future Events

- **Manna Meal** – The monthly Manna Meal is April 30 at noon at Elmwood United Methodist Church. Menu features fried chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salads and desserts. \$8.
- **Garage Sales** – Brimfield has village-wide garage sales May 1-2. Sign up at (309) 446-3412.
- **Landscape Pickup** – Princeville has a free landscape waste pickup at city residences on May 11. For details, call (309) 385-4765.
- **Community Prayer** – The Elmwood Ministerium has a Community Prayer Service on May 7 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 and Carle Hospital chaplain Trenton Parrish of Elmwood will be guest speaker.
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GUEST VOICES



Storm raised roof of Williamsfield house

This photo was taken on our farm three miles northwest of Williamsfield and shows some of the aftermath of the first of two tornado- warned storms that passed through the Williamsfield area last Friday evening.

I was in the back part of the house when it hit, inside a windowless bathroom but able to look across the adjoining room and see out through one of the sliding glass doors that open onto the patio.



John FELTHAM

As I watched, the wind suddenly made a loud "whoop" sound and the soffit panels and underlying insulation simultaneously exploded from under the eaves and went spinning into the air. The last time I experienced anything like that was in 1975 at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, in a severe thunderstorm that produced a tornado.

As I looked out the window of my parents' quarters on the base, I heard the same sound I heard here on Friday, and saw horizontal hail stop in mid-flight, reverse direction and go flying into the air. Moments later, a tornado hit a trailer park (sometimes called "tornado magnets" in Texas) nearby.

The chair in the foreground of the photo was moved some 15 feet from the other side of the table in the background, and deposited upright where you see it. It's so heavy my son and I can barely lift it. In the past, it has re-



mained stationary in storms that produced 70 mph wind gusts.

Soffit panels are scattered around the yard on all sides of the house and in the field behind it. The heavy rubber doormat that was by the front door has disappeared. Amazingly, not one window was broken, even though the wind was so strong that it blew shredded pieces of vapor barrier under the front door into the family room.

I found seven or eight pieces of cut plywood in two locations down the hill by the old farmhouse. They have all been cut precisely with a power saw, so they're not scrap but did not come from any structure on the farm. I assume they were picked up somewhere else by the storm (it was first reported south of Knoxville), carried aloft and deposited here as it passed over the farm.

My wife, Nancy, rode out the storms at her house in Williamsfield.

She has hail damage to her siding, damage to the deck railing, a broken basement window and broken outer pane of a storm window.

The contractor who looked at both houses yesterday told Nancy he could tell that her roof had started to lift off the house but settled back in place without detaching. He said he will have to inspect the attic to determine what additional damage resulted from that. We're hearing that nearly every structure in Williamsfield has hail damage on their south-facing sides. Nancy says her neighbors also have hail damage to their cars.

I don't know if any tornado was confirmed, but I found a piece of pink fiberglass insulation hanging from the branch of a white oak tree in our backyard at the farm - the tornado-survivor Medal of Honor. I don't care what the National Weather Service determines, that evidence is good enough for me.

Incidentally, when I walked around the farm inspecting damage on Saturday, I couldn't help noticing that I was being circled by a flock of turkey vultures. I'm sure they were hoping I had been mortally wounded in the storm and were planning to have me for breakfast once I bit the dust (or insulation, in this case). I thought about flipping them off but decided not to waste the calories.

I have filed homeowners claims for both properties. USAA was to send an adjuster Monday.

Happy effing tornado season.

John Feltham lives northwest of Williamsfield.

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Peace works, if only it can be achieved

One of my recent columns dealt with the inherent risks of conflict between the United States and the Islamic regime of Iran. Since then, we have seen more evidence of that risk. The world witnessed the decimation of the Iranian military platforms by the U.S. and Israeli air and naval forces.

From a military point of view, that campaign was a success for Israel and the U.S. Unfortunately, it was also a success for the Iranian regime that is currently in power. One would think a nation that has had the bulk of its military destroyed would be forced into negotiations to end the conflict with its opponent. We saw that was not the case with Iran.

Iran, the U.S. and Israel agreed to a ceasefire, with the U.S. and Iran to meet in Pakistan to formulate a permanent ceasefire. Iran, by all western standards, had suffered an enormous military defeat and should be amenable to a reasonable discussion to end the conflict.

That was not the case. Iran came with demands that it would govern the Strait of Hormuz, keep its enriched uranium and the U.S. would compensate Iran for its losses incurred by the bombing of Iran.

The American delegation appeared to be dumbfounded by the Iranian position and left the negotia-

ting table and returned to the U.S. without a permanent peace plan.

The U.S. should not have been surprised. From an Eastern philosophical and theological perspective, the Islamic Iranian regime officials were still a viable entity. Even though many of its leaders had been killed by U.S. and Israeli bombing, there was still a core of Islamic zealots at the head of the Iranian government.

The government still controlled the populace. Iran had stopped maritime shipping through the Strait and they still had money in the bank. There was no uprising by the Iranian people and no foreign armies on its soil controlling the day-to-day affairs of Iran. From an Islamic-zealot position, Iran had stood up to the great Satan, the U.S, and had not been deterred from its mission of maintaining its Islamic state.

Then the U.S. enacted a blockade of the Strait to try to enforce U.S. control of the shipping lanes. Iran at first seemed to back down a bit, but not for long. The Iranians still have hundreds of small watercraft capable of placing mines and harassing shipping if they desire to use those forces.

The U.S. and Israel certainly have their military assets available to counter that force, but the insurance companies get nervous and won't insure shipping in a war zone. Hence, shipping stops and com-

merce is negatively impacted. That being the case, Iran still believes it is winning until it eventually runs out of money.

The only thing that can bring Iran to diplomatic resolution is military might. The Iranian populace, most of whom are not Islamic zealots, need to essentially revolt against the regime. That is asking a lot of an unarmed populace.

Perhaps there are some in the Iranian military who are willing to initiate that revolt from within. Perhaps the Kurds in Iran can be convinced to assist in the military opposition to the regime.

It should be noted that the U.S. and Iran were the best of friends after World War II until the Islamic revolution occurred in Iran. Today the Islamic Republic of Iran and the U.S. are blood enemies. It is the people of Iran who will eventually determine our nations' relationship. The Iranian people must decide their own destiny. The U.S. can certainly help to facilitate a positive and working relationship, but it is the Iranian people who must rise up and assert themselves.

The U.S. has a strategic interest in curtailing Iran's nuclear program. From an economic viewpoint, the U.S. does not need Iranian oil. Peace works for all nations, if only it can be achieved.

Richard Koritz is an Illinois native and former DeWitt County state's attorney.

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FARMINGTON: Jr. High demolition underway

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fiscal year. Following the hearing, the council approved the budget during its regular meeting.

"I think it's a pretty good budget," said Stufflebeam, who has been working on the numbers since January. "We never really know until we get into it."

That surplus could take a hit soon, though. Demolition started Monday on the old junior-high school that connects city offices and the Farmington Community Center.

Alderman Dave Rose said a wall that will be exposed after demolition consisted of just one layer of bricks and "some sort of clay tile." He had hoped the wall would consist of several layers of bricks and stand on its own. Instead, he said that wall will need to be covered with metal sheeting.

"It's similar to what they did at the

old high school ... covering things with metal sheeting," he said. "It actually looks really nice up there."

A 10% contingency was built into the demolition budget, Stufflebeam said.

The council also voted Monday to dedicate \$40,000 to a new Summer Unplugged recreation program that will run June 1 to Aug. 7 for children ages 6-12 at Jacobs Park. Registration is \$300 per child for full-day participation and \$150 per child for half-day, although scholarships based on need are available.

Camp will be held 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. five days a week and will consist of outdoor games, crafts and other activities.

Stufflebeam said 32 campers have signed up so far. Last year's half-day summer recreation program averaged 30-40 participants for three days a week. The mayor said with fundrais-

ing and registration fees, he hopes the cost of the expanded program will actually be less than last year.

"Maybe next year we can do this for free and everybody just shows up," he said.

In other business, the council approved unanimously three ordinances linked to redevelopment grants for FY 2027. The council voted in favor of \$25,000 for 25 residential grants of \$1,000 outside of the downtown TIF district; \$25,000 for residential redevelopment inside the TIF district (\$2,500 maximum for first grant applications, \$1,000 maximum for repeat applicants); and \$50,000 for commercial facade grants in the downtown TIF district.

Alderman Alex Gilles reminded residents that bulk garbage pickup will be held during the first week of May on the same day as a resident's usual garbage pickup.

STORM: Two tornadoes confirmed in Fulton Co.

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trailer truck, according to WEEK-TV in Peoria.

Subsequently, the east-bound interstate at the Spoon River was closed for emergency pavement repairs to the bridge deck.

Those were to be finished by Wednesday, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation. Traffic was detoured to U.S. Route 150.

Replacement of I-74 bridges over the river has

been ongoing. The project is to be done in late June.

The Weather Service confirmed the storm produced at least 22 tornadoes across Illinois' midsection, including two in southern Fulton County. Most of the

damage was minor. One tornado destroyed a grain bin near Table Grove.

Earlier this month, three tornadoes in Knox and Peoria counties damaged buildings, trees and utility poles.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Sequoia Funding Trust, Plaintiff vs. Chester E. Powell; Barbara J. Powell; Kent E. Harpman; City of Effingham, Illinois; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
Defendant
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Defendant
2025-FC-0000180
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 3, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on May 7, 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 1425 N MARKET ST., PEORIA AKA WEST PEORIA, IL 61604
Property Index No. 18-06-251-017
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
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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-1).
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You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2025-FC-0000180 TJSC#: 45-3164
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-0000180 13284798
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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 May 13, 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. 06-06-300-007.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff, -v.- RYAN A. JONES et al

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PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff, -v.- JOSHUA PAUL MCDERMAID et al Defendant
2025-FC-0000197
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 7, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on May 14, 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:
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Property Index No. 09-23-326-003
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The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as

to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
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The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

We Cover The News of West-Central Illinois With A Passion

Police employ drone during armed standoff

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – A drone that entered a residence west of Princeville was among tools law enforcement used to help apprehend a suspect in a 13-hour armed standoff.

Brandon March, 40, was arrested about 4 p.m. Sunday after he and officers had been at stalemate in the 13900 block of Illinois Route 90. Officers were outside the residence and March and a woman were inside following an apparent dispute between them.

March was accused of domestic battery and unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon. March had two firearms in the residence, a shotgun and an AR-15-style rifle, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office. If convicted of unlawful possession, March faces between two and 10 years in prison.

During a hearing Monday in Peoria County Circuit Court, Judge David Brown ordered March to remain in custody at the Peoria County Jail. He is to be arraigned at 10:30 a.m. May 14.

According to jail records, March listed a Peoria address. But according to Peoria County Sheriff Chris Watkins, March had been renting the house on Route 90 where the incident began about 3 a.m. Sunday. The female victim, who was unharmed, was a visitor. Watkins didn't know how old she was.

March and the woman argued after they returned from an area bar, according to the sheriff. Friends of theirs were at the house when the argument began.

"The friends told us that he pushed her down and

grabbed a shotgun," Watkins said Monday.

After that, the friends went outside, authorities were alerted and deputies attempted to contact March. He didn't respond to telephone calls or knocks on the front door.

The victim left the residence at one point, then went back inside, according to Watkins. She said she would return outside, but after she didn't, the Central Illinois Emergency Response Team was summoned.

Personnel from multiple area law-enforcement agencies form the response team, according to Watkins. Among them are the Tazewell and Woodford county sheriff's offices and police departments from East Peoria, Pekin and Washington.

In all, about 30 officers

and deputies were at the scene. They surrounded the house, and a search warrant was obtained. Officers breached an open door and sent in the drone, which is about a foot or two in size, according to Watkins.

"Enough to fit in the house and fly around," he said. "They found two guns in plain view, and (he) and her came out of the bedroom. We had to come in and get him."

March offered no resistance, Watkins said. March has a long criminal history in Peoria County, dating to 2004. Crimes for which he has been convicted include retail theft, possession of a stolen vehicle, illegal transportation of alcohol, unlawful possession of cannabis and reckless driving.

Watkins praised the work of his deputies and the re-

sponse team in diffusing a dangerous situation.

"We get a lot of barricaded suspects throughout the Tri-County area," the sheriff said. "People commit a crime and don't want to come out. This one had the victim in the house, so we couldn't let that go. We didn't know what her state was."

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Village of Princeville Property Owners:

Applications for TIF I and TIF IV Residential Rehabilitation Programs will be available beginning May 1st at Village Hall. This program is a grant program that reimburses property owners for qualified exterior repairs and renovations to private residential properties. Applications are first come, first serve, and subject to the availability of funds. Funds are allocated annually by the Village Board. Maximum benefit is 75% of the TIF eligible project costs incurred by the applicant, reimbursement not to exceed \$2,500. All applications are subject to initial review and recommendation by the TIF Committee and the Village's TIF District Administrator. All applications are then approved by the Village Board. Grant funds are paid by the Village to the applicant upon completion of the project and verification of TIF eligible project costs.

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Costs can be steep for young farmers

By REBECCA PIEDER

Capitol News Illinois

Brock Seymour was 5 the first time he drove a combine. It was pouring rain and his grandfather had jumped out to fetch the grain cart, leaving him to drive across the field.

"I'll never forget that," Seymour said. "When he got down out of the combine, he said, 'Just drive straight, buddy.'"

From that point on, Seymour knew he wanted to be a farmer. Growing up on the family farm in Shipman, Seymour took on responsibility early, helping with operations at 13 and by his early 20s learning the business side of running a farm.

Now 26, he represents the fifth generation on his family's land. With his grandparents entering their late 70s, those responsibilities are shifting into talk of succession.

His path is a familiar one for young farmers in Illinois, many of them fifth- or sixth-generation stewards of Midwestern farms. Yet, less than 9% of Illinois farmers are below the age of 35, and the average age of a farmer in Illinois is over 58, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2022 census.

If you ask farmers why that is, reasons are varied. For any young farmer, not least those without access to inherited land, there are the high costs of getting started. This includes land, equipment and fertilizer, none of which are cheap.

For those looking to continue their family legacy, there is a hefty estate tax

associated with taking over the business and the land. But there's also a sense of some in the older generation not wanting to pass the torch, and because of improved equipment quality, they don't have to yet.

While the U.S. Department of Agriculture has programs in place to support young farmers, including low-interest loans, the threshold to entry remains high, said Garrett Williams, 26, chair of the Illinois Farm Bureau's young leader committee.

"I do think that the rising costs of inputs and the buy-in on assets and ground is probably a relatively high barrier," Williams said.

Farming is capital intensive; there are equipment costs, fertilizer costs and the price of land and labor. A combine alone can cost more than \$1 million. Tariffs and geopolitical disruptions have already increased costs for Illinois farmers in recent years, according to the Illinois Soybean Association. Now, conflict in the Middle East is adding new pressures, with fertilizer prices at risk of climbing toward levels not seen since Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine.

"People just don't realize how much money it takes to start from scratch," said Lance Muirheid, a sev-

enth-generation corn and soybean farmer in Cerro Gordo. "If you don't have some kind of financial backing, it's extremely expensive to be a farmer."

Even if you are fortunate enough as a young farmer to inherit farmland from your parents or grandparents, the financial burdens remain through taxation, Muirheid, 29, said.

Illinois is one of a dozen states that imposes a so-called "death tax" — a state-level estate tax on inherited assets, separate from federal taxes. While Congress raised the federal estate-tax exemption to \$15 million, farmers in Illinois still face state-level taxes if they reach the \$4 million threshold. Once an estate exceeds \$4 million, the entire value is subject to taxation.

The Family Farm Preservation Act, which would have raised the estate-tax threshold to \$6 million, included key priorities for the Illinois Farm Bureau. The measure would allow for the 96% of farms that are family owned to stay intact when passed down between generations, without having to sell off land or assets, according to the farm bureau.

The prices of both land and equipment have risen for farmers over the past decade, increasing the value of estates.

"You know, the price of land has skyrocketed," Muirheid said. "I see a lot of family farms that could be passed down to the next generation. But once they're inherited, they have to go pay all this tax and sell two-thirds of the farm to be able to keep one-third in the family. And that's just not right."

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- Do not wash clothes or run a dishwasher during or immediately after flushing takes place. Washing clothes with discolored water can cause laundry stains.
 - Discolored water poses no threat to your health. You may wish to avoid drinking or cooking with the water.

Questions, contact the Superintendent of Public Works, Chad Gardner Or Water Operator, Brian Holt at 309-385-4765. Email: watertreatment@princeville.org

Farmington students get creative with art

By **SUSAN GRANDT**

For The Weekly Post

YATES CITY— The Salem Township Library hosted an art show April 9 to display the work of kindergarten, 1st- and 2nd-grade students at Farmington Central Elementary School.

The event was coordinated by art teacher Lainey Banta and library staffer Devin Scott.

Kindergarten students read “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” by Eric Carle, who is known for his vibrant collages and children’s books. Some students drew their version of the caterpillar and others created clay caterpillar sculptures.

First-graders learned about proportion while creating self-portraits. To make their work extra fun, they made the por-



traits blow bubbles of bubble gum.

Second-graders looked at the work of Andy Warhol, who was a pop artist known for his screen prints of everyday items like bananas or cans of soup. The kids focused on his flower prints for their pictures.

Last year, more than 100 people came to view the artwork of students in grades 3-5. This year’s turnout was closer to 200. Response was so good the



Self-portraits drawn by Farmington Central Elementary School 1st-graders are displayed at the Salem Township Library. At left are caterpillars created by kindergarten students. Photos by Susan Grandt.

library plans to continue this event in the future.

Artwork will remain on display through April.

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Police reports

• **OAK RUN** – An argument at Oak Run Public Golf Course turned physical and resulted in a Knoxville man's arrest.

The incident happened March 25, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. The victim, a 28-year-old Maquon man, said he and Logan E. Claeys, 27, argued about playing a round of golf for money. Claeys shoved his hand in the victim's face and cut his lip, then teed off.

A witness corroborated the victim's account. When Claeys arrived in the parking lot after his round, about 4:30 p.m., he admitted to pushing the victim. Claeys was accused of battery and transported to the Knox County Jail in Galesburg.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – Following a single-vehicle crash in Princeville, a local woman required hospital attention.

Kathleen M. Martin was driving a westbound 2021 Mazda CX-9 shortly after 2 p.m. March 27 in the 600 block of E. Spring St. when the vehicle left the roadway to the south, struck a culvert, crossed a driveway, struck a tree and rolled onto its side, according to a witness.

Martin told the witness she fell asleep, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. Akron-Princeville firefighters extricated Martin from the vehicle. An ambulance transported her to Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed.

• **BRIMFIELD** – A two-vehicle crash west of Brimfield resulted in no apparent injuries.

Larry J. Moore of Kewanee was driving a southbound 2025 Ford F-150 pickup truck shortly before 7:30 a.m. March 27 on Bell School Road at U.S. Route 150 when a 2014 Jeep Cherokee rear-ended it, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

Anabelle E. Twomey of Galva was the other driver. Moore said he slowed to make an eastbound turn, but Twomey said she didn't notice it. The pickup truck sustained a dented rear bumper and a broken right-rear taillight.

The Cherokee sustained significant front-end damage and was towed. Twomey was cited for driving too fast for conditions and for operating an uninsured vehicle.

• **DAHINDA** – A Galesburg man crashed his vehicle south of Dahinda the same night he was arrested for domestic battery.

Justin C. Potter, 36, admitted he was driving a 2011 Chevrolet sedan a Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy found damaged and abandoned in a ditch shortly before 11 a.m. March 25 in the 1400 block of Knox Road 1800 East. The deputy located Potter in the Knox County Jail in Galesburg.

According to a sheriff's-office report, Potter said he left a bar the previous night in Williamsfield, drove to a friend's house near Dahinda and was driving home when the crash happened.

Potter was cited for leaving the scene of an accident and for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. No information was available about the domestic-battery incident.

• **WATAGA** – An Oak Run woman was driving 28 mph over the speed limit when a Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy stopped her southwest of Wataga.

Madeline C. Stinger, 30, was behind the wheel of a 2022 Kia that was traveling 83 mph in a 55-mph zone shortly before 4:15 p.m. March 25 in the 1900 block of U.S. Route 34, a sheriff's-office report stated.

Stinger was cited for speeding and received a notice to appear in Knox County Circuit Court in Galesburg.

• **FARMINGTON** – A Farmington woman accused her estranged husband of taking things illegally from her property, but he denied it.

The incident was reported shortly after 3:30 p.m. March 24, according to Farmington police. Missing items were a snow blower, a tiller, a lawnmower, a bale saw and some power drills. The 38-year-old woman said a backyard lock was cut and doors to a shed and garage were left open.

An officer contacted the 40-year-old man. He said he had not returned to the residence since Feb. 16, when police told him to stay away until court proceedings were complete.

The officer asked the man what items he had taken in February; those tools did not match what was reported missing in March.

• **OAK RUN** – A controlled burn in Oak Run became out of control and damaged a trailer.

The incident happened shortly before 9 a.m. March 24 in the 200 block of Brookwood Lane, a Knox County Sheriff's Office report stated. A representative of the Oak Run

property owners' association had been burning a hillside at the Spoon Valley Sewage Treatment area.

Fire spread to a property in the 3200 block of Oak Run Drive, where the 14-foot Doolittle-brand trailer was parked.

• **ELMWOOD** – No injuries were reported following a single-vehicle accident southwest of Elmwood.

Shortly before 5 p.m. March 23, Hannah M. Stenger, 20, of Farmington was driving a 2012 Ford Edge south on Illinois Route 78 when she made too wide a turn west onto Knox Road 300 North, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report.

The vehicle was unable to stop on the gravel roadway, struck a stop sign and entered a ditch. The vehicle sustained front-end damage. Stenger had one passenger, a 20-year-old Farmington man. Stenger was cited for careless driving.

• **OAK HILL** – An Elmwood woman said she was uninjured following a single-vehicle accident near Oak Hill.

Shortly after 7:15 a.m. March 23, Colleen M. McFarland was driving east on Illinois Route 8 when at Maher Road she made a left turn and her vehicle, a 2018 Ford Explorer, struck a stop sign. According to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report, the sun blinded McFarland, who overcorrected her turn.

The vehicle sustained moderate damage to its front bumper and driver's-side headlight but was operable.


• **FARMINGTON** – Mark A. Kozelichki, 59, of London Mills posted \$500 bond shortly after 5:30 p.m. March 31 regarding a Fulton County warrant for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. He received a new date in Fulton County Circuit Court in Lewistown.

• **BRIMFIELD** – David A. Walbeeser, 38, of Brimfield was arrested shortly after 10 a.m. April 7 and accused of indirect criminal contempt, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **EDELSTEIN** – Ronnie L.R. Bodtke, 42, of Edelstein was arrested at 10:15 a.m. April 6 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 March 29-April 4: fire, Dahinda; wire down, La Fayette; two juvenile issues, Williamsfield; suspicious vehicle, Dahinda.

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BRIEFS

Farmington grad Hanlin part of runner-up team

Farmington graduate Claire Hanlin was a member of Lindenwood University's Intermediate All Girl squad that finished second at the NCA Collegiate Cheer Team Championships.

The annual competition was held April 9-11 in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Hanlin's team was one of five Lindenwood sent to the event in the Division I category. She was part of a 20-member team that was in second after both performances, missing out on first by 0.16 points.

The team posted a total score of 96.2824, the seventh-highest score of the entire competition that included more than 700 teams.

Lindenwood, located in St. Charles, Mo., has won 16 titles at the NCA Collegiate Cheer finals.

Community Clean-Up Project underway

PEKIN – State Rep. Travis Weaver, R-Peoria, announced the launch of his 2026 Community Clean-Up Project. The project began last week and will continue through May 22.

Hosted annually by Weaver, the Community Clean-Up Project is dedicated to promoting environmental awareness by encouraging individuals to collect and properly dispose of litter. Participants are invited to document their efforts by submitting photos of themselves with trash they picked up.



Farmington grad Claire Hanlin poses with the trophy after her Lindenwood University cheer team finished second at the recent NCA Collegiate Cheer Team Championships in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Students must have parent or guardian permission to pick up trash in a location of their choosing. Students who fill a kitchen-size trash bag with litter can submit a photo to communitycleanup2026@reptravis-weaver.org. Everyone is invited to participate, and students who complete this project and submit a photo will receive a certificate of service from Weaver.

Weaver serves Illinois House District 93. For more information, please visit his website or contact the district office at (309) 204-6514.

PCAPS installs new pet microchip scanners

PEORIA – Peoria County Animal Protection Services has installed two new community microchip-

scanning stations to help reunite lost pets with their owners quickly and keep pets safely at home and out of the shelter.

The scanning stations, located at Tower Park in Peoria Heights and City Hall in West Peoria, are free and available for public use. Anyone who finds a lost pet can scan for a microchip and receive guidance on next steps for reporting and reuniting the animal.

Microchips are a permanent and reliable form of identification. While collars and tags can be removed, a registered microchip provides a direct link back to the owner. PCAPS also offers free microchipping to help ensure pets have permanent ID.

In addition, PCAPS is launching a new Finder to Foster program. With proper reporting, residents who find a lost pet are encouraged to temporarily foster the animal in the neighborhood where it was found. Because most pets are located close to home, keeping them in the community greatly increases the chance of a quick reunion.

Et cetera

• Resurfacing work on Mossville Road from Illinois Route 40 (Knoxville Avenue) to Illinois Route 29 (Galena Road) started on Tuesday. Work is expected to be completed near the end of May.

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OBITUARIES

William H. Barrett
PRINCEVILLE – William Harley Barrett, 95, of Princeville, passed away at 10:10 p.m. Saturday, April 18, 2026, at his home. Bill was born March 19, 1931, in West Jersey to Leonard and Buelah (Libby) Barrett. He married Sally A. (Donath) Martin Barrett on May 22, 1983, in Princeville; she survives. His first wife, Maedean (Stodgel) Barrett, preceded him in death on May 4, 1982.



Barrett

Also surviving are two sons, David (Cherokee) Barrett of Farmington and Ian Martin of Princeville; five daughters, Debra (Charles) Bruce of Mount Vernon, Kathy Barrett Powers of Princeville, Teresa (Doug) Poshard of Peoria, Amanda (Donnie) Nevitt of Henry and Christina Laczko of Florida; one daughter-in-law, Debbie Barrett of Princeville; 18 grandchildren, Jennette, Amanda, David, Matt, Tasha, Lindsay, Alyssa, Tori, Brock, Griffin, Justin, Clinton, Jacob, Elek, Ella, Kelin, Karsa and Ashton; 14 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; one nephew; and one niece. He was preceded in death by one son, John Barrett; three sisters, Georgia, Gladys and Linda; one infant brother; one nephew, Mike; and one niece, Brenda. Bill served in the U.S. Army, where he was stationed in Korea. He worked at Long Rock for many years running the garage at the quarry. Bill later worked at Princeville Community Unit School District 326 as a custodian, retiring as transportation director. He was a member of the American Legion and Masonic Lodge in Princeville. He enjoyed camping, square dancing and wintering in Texas. He loved riding motorcycles

and spending time with his family. His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2026, beginning with a Masonic service at the Princeville United Methodist Church, where Bill was a member for over 50 years. The Rev. David Pyell will officiate. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., also on Saturday at the church. Burial will be in Princeville Township Cemetery, with military honors. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Princeville United Methodist Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

Vera J. Boyer
YATES CITY – Vera J. Boyer, 95, of Yates City, passed away at 8:33 a.m. on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at Farmington Village Nursing Home in Farmington. She was born on June 22, 1930, in Tremont to Louis and Elizabeth (Siebenthal) Moser. She married Robert "Bob" Boyer on July 6, 1951, in Tremont. He preceded her in death on Aug. 15, 2017.



Boyer

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters. She is survived by three sons, Tom (Vickie) Boyer of Yates City, Terry (Leslie) Boyer of Peoria and Steve (Debbie) Boyer of Elmwood; seven grandchildren, Brittany (Mike) Jankowski, Morgan (Jerrid) Fuller, Ben Boyer, Gregory Boyer, Amanda Boyer, Brandon (Alicia) Provence and Amanda (Derek) Joos; five great-grandchildren, Riley Jankowski, Maddux Provence, Payton Provence, Jaxon Joos and Rosie Joos; and one sister,

Wilma Nafziger. She was a member of the Faith United Presbyterian Church and Farmington Moose Lodge 571. Vera loved flowers and was an avid gardener.

In keeping with her wishes, cremation rites will be accorded through Anderson-Sedgwick Funeral Home in Farmington. Memorials may be made to BYE Ambulance/Elba-Salem Fire Department.

To leave an online condolence you may go to www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com.

Marcie A. Challacombe
ELMORE – Marcie A. Challacombe, 65, of Elmore, passed away at 1:48 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2026, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.



Challacombe

Marcie was the most loving and selfless person you could ever meet. She gave so much of herself to others and loved everyone deeply and unconditionally. To be loved by her was to feel truly seen, cared for and safe.

She was born on March 11, 1961, in Eolia, Mo., to Dale and Patricia (Lorance) McBeth. Throughout her life, Marcie had an incredible sense of humor and a way of bringing light into any room. She was always ready to laugh, lift others up and make even the hardest days feel a little softer. Being around her was a gift.

Marcie had a beautiful way of making friends wherever she went. She did not just meet people, she connected with them. Whether through her work or everyday life, she made others feel important, valued and never alone.

She attended Midstate College and graduated on the Dean's list as a paralegal. She also attended Stephens

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OBITUARIES

Academy of Beauty, worked at Quad City Downs and was a bartender and waitress at many local bars and restaurants, roles that reflected her warmth and ability to connect with others.

In her free time, Marcie found joy in life's simple treasures. She loved thrifting and sewing, always finding beauty and potential in the things others might overlook. Whether she was creating something with her hands or discovering a special find, these moments reflected her creativity and the care she put into everything she did.

She married Keith A. Challacombe on July 17, 2009. He survives.

Marcie made a difference in countless lives, often in quiet and selfless ways. Through her kindness, her strength and the way she showed up for those she loved, she left a lasting mark that will never fade. Above all else, her children and grandchildren were her world, and she loved them with her whole heart.

Marcie was an organ donor and through her final gift, made possible through the Gift of Hope network, her liver has given another person the chance at life.

Also surviving are one son, Kyle (Nicole) Gilkeson of Dunlap; one daughter, Krista Gress of Dunlap; seven grandchildren, Sophia, Hannah, Zachariah, Olivia, Lilliana, Atlas and Arya; two bonus children, Melanie Sadowski and Daniel Crotts; bonus granddaughter Gwendlyn; one brother, Ed (Sue Sleva) McBeth of Laura; one sister, Janeen Roger of Laura; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Dale; her first husband, Harrison Gilkeson; and her niece, Tiffany Roger. Her mother, Patricia, passed away three days later.

Marcie was truly the glue that held

so much together. Her love, her presence and her spirit brought people closer, and even in her absence, that love will continue to surround all who knew her.

She will be deeply missed more than words can ever express.

A celebration of Marcie's life will be held at a later date. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for Marcie's family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

David Evans

FARMINGTON – David "Dave" Evans, of Farmington, died March 31, 2026, while surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Oct. 3, 1950, to James Evans and Eileen (Dush) Evans, later Johnston, in Decatur.

Dave married Nancy (Brown) Evans on Oct. 9, 1971, at the University United Methodist Church in Peoria. She survives, as do their three children, Jennifer (Jason) Stewart, Jason (Jamie) Evans and Nicholas (Addi) Evans; eight grandchildren; and siblings Paula Evans, Shelly Evans, Penny (Dick) Nill and Robert Johnston.

Dave managed Sheridan Road Lumber Company in Peoria until his retirement in 2020.

A private memorial service for family, as well as a celebration of life for family and friends, will be held at a later date.

Sally M. Heinz

EDWARDS – Sally M. Heinz, 93, of Edwards, passed away on April 7, 2026, at her home.

She was born June 21, 1932, in Peoria to Robert and Ina (Stubblefield) Strickle. She married Duane C. Heinz on Oct. 6, 1951, in Peoria. He preceded her in death, along with her

son Michael.

Sally is survived by her five children, Jerry (Debi) Heinz of Peoria Heights, Carole Heinz of Edwards, James (Debbie) Heinz of Chillicothe, Elizabeth (David) Johnston of Dunlap and Amy (Paul) Novak of Arizona. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Sally was a devoted member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kickapoo, volunteered at Wildlife Prairie Park for 17 years and served as a director with the Chicago Cubs Boosters.

A funeral Mass was held April 13, 2026, at St. Mary's church in Kickapoo. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Kickapoo.

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Irwin L. Julian

FARMINGTON – Irwin L. Julian, 91, of Farmington, passed away on April 18, 2026 at The Village at Farmington. He was born on Dec. 20, 1934, in Danville. He married Shirley Pine.

He is survived by three children, Lorry Anderson of Hanna City, Cathy (Joe) Vires of Glasford and Debbie (Allan) Banfield of Marshall; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one son, David Julian.

He was a tool designer for Caterpillar Inc. for 35 years and also owned and operated Illinois Weld & Machine in Hanna City.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during Vietnam.

Cremation rites will be accorded. Condolences can be left online at www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com.

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Adoration: Thursday 7 am

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Sunday

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Pastor Donald Blasing
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brimfieldefree.org
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Pastor Stephen Barch
105 W. Clay Street Brimfield
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brimfieldunionchurch.org

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ruth (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In 2 Kings 13, what prophet ordered a king to shoot arrows out of a window? Paul, Job, Elisha, David
3. How many books of the Bible are only three letters long when spelled? 0, 1, 2, 3
4. What prophet saw "the tents of Cushan in affliction"? Japheth, Noah, Hezekiah, Habakkuk

5. Who said, "Lord, increase our faith"? Jonah, Apostles, Moses, Israelites

6. From Joel 2:6, what shall all faces gather? Sunlight, Blackness, Fear, Warmth

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Elisha, 3) One, 4) Habakkuk 5) Apostles, 6) Blackness

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Sunday Worship: 9 am
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DAHINDA

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1739 Victoria St. P.O. Box 14
Dahinda IL 61428
Sunday Worship: 9:30 am Sun-
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Church: (309) 639-2768
Pastor's Office: (309) 639-2389
Email: williamsfielddahindaumc@yahoo.com

DOUGLAS

Douglas United Methodist Church
Pastor Kristine McMillan
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Yates City IL 61572
(NOTE: Church is in Douglas)
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bethanycentral.org
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Wed: 6:15 pm AWANA & youth group

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Father James Pankiewicz
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(309) 691-2030
stmaryskickapoo.org
Sat. Confession: 2:45-3:45 pm
Saturday Mass: 4 pm
Sunday Masses: 7:30 & 10 am
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Pastor Don Nuttall
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Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm
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Sun. School: 9:30 am

St. Patrick's

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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

FARMINGTON

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

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Pastor Tom Wright
1102 N. Illinois Route 78
Farmington
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Wed. Worship: 7 pm

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

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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

Zion-Penn Ridge Lutheran Church (LCMC)
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

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Williamsfield
(309) 446-3275
stjameswilliamsfield.org
Sun. Confession: 7-7:20 am
Sunday Mass: 7:30 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
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OBITUARIES

Duane Parr

TRIVOLI – Duane Parr, 82, of Trivoli, passed on April 17, 2026 at Red Oak Memory Care in Canton. He was born on Feb. 12, 1944, in Peoria to John Oral and Mabel (Nuhn) Parr. He married Jackie Ryer on Sept. 13, 1969, in Hanna City. She survives.

He is also survived by three children, Jennifer Parr of Trivoli, Rachel (Walter) Brooks of Hanna City and Shawn (Jessica) Parr of Natchitoches, La.; and six grandchildren, Robert, Vivienne, Greyson, Bear, Ryer and Hazel. He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother and three sisters.

Duane worked for Ameritech for 33 years and also worked part-time at Coon's Service Station in Hanna City. He was a volunteer firefighter for the Logan-Trivoli Fire Department until 1978.

Duane was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served from 1964-67.

A funeral service will be held at noon on Friday, April 24, 2026, at Anderson-Sedgwick Funeral Home in Farmington. Visitation will be held at 11 a.m. to noon the same day at the funeral home. The Rev.

Kevin Van Tine will officiate. Burial will follow the service in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Farmington, with military honors.

Condolences can be left online at www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com.

Larry R. Roberson

FARMINGTON – Larry R. Roberson, 86, of Farmington, passed away at Farmington Village on April 15, 2026.

He was born on Nov. 6, 1939, in Canton to Torris and Pearl (McAlister) Roberson. They preceded him in death, as did as his previous wife, Diane (Williams) Simons; son Craig Roberson; and siblings Alice Jones and Marion Edwards.

Larry is survived by his life partner, Donna DeGroot; daughter Lisa (Jack) Gray; two siblings, Lorena (Joel) Summers and Jeannie (Charles) Dangler; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Larry was a truck driver for many years and farmed.

Larry was a past member of the Glasford Masonic Lodge and a member of White Chapel Church in Glasford. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, farming, telling stories and spending time with his family.

Funeral services were April 17, 2026, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Canton. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Brenda Y. Slyman

ELMWOOD – Brenda Young Slyman, 69, of Elmwood, passed away on April 10, 2026, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

A native of Peoria, Brenda was the daughter of Max and Gladys Young. In 1991, she married the love of her life, Joseph Slyman, with whom she built a life and enjoyed a 35-year marriage.

Her legacy lives on through her devoted husband, Joe; her children, Sarah Slyman of Brimfield and Michael Slyman of Elmwood; and her sister, Barb Ashcraft.

She now joins her beloved brother, Michael, who preceded her in death.

A funeral mass was celebrated on April 16, 2026, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kickapoo, with The Rev. Patrick Henehan officiating. Burial followed in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Kickapoo.

Condolences can be left online at www.wrightandsalmon.com.

Answers on Page 14 — Super Crossword — GONE GUY

ACROSS

- 1 Sturdily built
- 7 Evergreen-scented cleaning brand
- 14 Cows' milk deliverers
- 20 Perjurious way to be caught
- 21 Transition zone between biomes
- 22 Go on a trip
- 23 "... at least"
- 24 Hundredth of a peseta
- 25 Cure
- 26 Managers' evaluations of employees
- 29 "Rope-a-dope" boxer
- 30 Gas brand in Ontario
- 31 "Ltd." cousin
- 32 Hit the slopes
- 35 Tries to swat with an open hand
- 39 2002 film with Jennifer Lopez and Ralph Fiennes
- 45 "I have it!"
- 48 Uno plus due
- 49 Narrow ship passages
- 50 Regulation of a computer network
- 55 White wader
- 56 1/24 of a day
- 57 Torrid
- 58 Capital of the Bahamas
- 61 Try out for the role
- 65 Realm that began with the reign of Charlemagne
- 71 Monk's title
- 72 Crumple (up)
- 73 Mafia bosses
- 74 Meadow
- 75 Denials
- 76 They were given to Moses on Mount Sinai
- 79 Most energetic
- 81 Humiliated
- 82 Suffix with 52-Down
- 84 Creamy cheese
- 85 "May I see —?" (diner's question)
- 88 "Don't Cry Out Loud" singer
- 94 Full of subtlety
- 97 Little kid
- 98 Plaza Hotel girl of kid-lit
- 99 They deliver fuel and air from carburetors to cylinders
- 102 National anthem in Ontario
- 106 Fleur-de- —
- 107 "Bad" cholesterol, in brief
- 108 Worker's pay
- 111 Bonn article
- 112 What you have to do before entering seven answers in this puzzle?
- 120 Actress Hedy
- 123 Long rants
- 124 Put new cables in
- 125 To-do list
- 126 Illustrious
- 127 Loves to bits
- 128 Rises from bed
- 129 Insists
- 130 Pastry chefs, e.g.
- DOWN**
- 1 Dry Spanish wines
- 2 Open, as a sleeping bag
- 3 African nation
- 4 Mushy food
- 5 St. Pat's isle
- 6 Doe, e.g.
- 7 Texas river
- 8 Frosting tools
- 9 Sarge, say
- 10 Un-PC suffix
- 11 Evening, in French
- 12 "My treat!"
- 13 10th-century pope
- 14 Netherlands province or its capital
- 15 Doodled, e.g.
- 16 Stops up
- 17 Adam's mate
- 18 Like many wines
- 19 Like many winks
- 27 Gala affairs
- 28 Motels
- 32 Swizzle
- 33 Model Moss
- 34 Pt. of MIT
- 36 — dish
- 37 Drag to court
- 38 Ulina's place
- 40 S dispenser
- 41 Great anger
- 42 Alternative to Bob Evans
- 43 Hiker's guide
- 44 Touch base after a fly-out
- 46 Madeline of "Judy Berlin"
- 47 In history
- 50 Elevator part
- 51 "— welcome"
- 52 Neighbor of Chad
- 53 Hollywood's Hawke
- 54 Road goop
- 59 Only
- 60 Ooze
- 62 — Chuck (cheap wine)
- 63 "— Rock" (1966 hit)
- 64 Probability
- 66 Choose (to)
- 67 Is defeated
- 68 Nonreactive
- 69 O'Donnell of TV and film
- 70 Citrate, e.g.
- 73 Give formally
- 77 Tropical plant with bright flowers
- 78 One paying dues: Abbr.
- 79 Bel's ring
- 80 "Peer Gynt" playwright
- 83 NNW's opposite
- 85 Dye used in blue jeans
- 86 City bond, in brief
- 87 Devours
- 89 Cyber-giggle
- 90 "— be my pleasure!"
- 91 Mumbled lovingly
- 92 Fruit drink brand
- 93 That, in Chile
- 95 It might ensnare congers
- 96 Aeneas' lover, in myth
- 100 Played like Galway
- 101 Neighbor of Denmark
- 103 Think a lot of
- 104 Closer to one's heart
- 105 "Gunsmoke" actor James
- 109 Revise
- 110 Main ideas holders
- 113 Pakistani language
- 114 Part of DST
- 115 Prune
- 116 Tennis player
- 117 Drearly dull
- 118 Mother of Helen of Troy
- 119 Furry "Star Wars" critter
- 120 Fall behind
- 121 Grow older
- 122 Ran into

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

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INALIE	ECOTONE	TRAVEL
ORMORE	CENTIMO	REMEDY
JOBPERFOR	CEREVIEW	S
ALI	ESSO	INC
SLAPSAT	MAIDINHATTAN	SKI
EUREKA	TRE	STRAITS
SYSTEMS	AGEMENT	EGRET
HOUR	HOT	NASSAU
AUDITION	HOLYROEMPIRE	
FRA	WAD	CAPOS
LEA	NOS	
TENCOM	MOMENTS	PEPPIEST
ABASED	ESE	BRIE
AMENU	MELISSA	CHESTER
NUNANCED	TOT	ELOISE
INTAKE	I	FOLDS
O	CANADA	
LIS	L	WAGE
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CryptoQuote

My philosophy is it's none of my business what people say of me and think of me.
— Anthony Hopkins

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

5	4	6	9	3	8	2	7	1
1	3	8	2	5	7	4	9	6
2	7	9	6	4	1	5	3	8
8	9	5	4	1	3	7	6	2
6	1	7	5	2	9	3	8	4
3	2	4	8	7	6	1	5	9
7	8	3	1	6	2	9	4	5
4	6	2	7	9	5	8	1	3
9	5	1	3	8	4	6	2	7

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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 April 1, 2026, under the Assumed Name of Aleah's Crotchet Creations with the business located at 309 South Edwards St., Princeville, IL 61559. The true name and residence address of the owners is: Aleah Wykert, 309 South Edwards St. Princeville, IL 61559
Published 4/16, 4/23, 4/30/26

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, VS.

GERALD NORDGREN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF GREGGORY W WEAR, DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF GREGGORY W WEAR; PEORIA HEIGHTS WATER WORKS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; ELLY FENNELL; EMMY WEAR, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2025-FC-0000164
622 EAST MONETA AVENUE
PEORIA HEIGHTS, IL 61616

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Gregory W Wear 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:

LOT 4 IN BLOCK 3 IN WOODLAWN PLACE RESUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: **622 East Moneta Avenue Peoria Heights, IL 61616**

and which said Mortgage was made by, Gregory W Wear a/k/a Gregory Wayne Wear Mortgageor(s), to PNC Bank, National Association Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2018004579; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before May 11, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS

FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION AS TRUSTEE FOR FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2023-1, PLAINTIFF, VS.

LANCE A PRUETT; OSF HEALTHCARE SYSTEM; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.

NO. 2026-FC-0000018
14011 NORTH EDGEWATER DRIVE
CHILLICOTHE, IL 61523
JUDGE
PRESIDING JUDGE

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Lance A Pruett

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:

LOT 9 IN MURRAY'S SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 8, EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN; SITUATED, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PEORIA AND STATE OF ILLINOIS; AND

A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE MOST WESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 9 OF MURRAY'S SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 12, THENCE NORTH 47 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST, (BEARING ASSUMED FOR PURPOSE OF DESCRIPTION ONLY), 3.20 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF RIVER RIDGE SUBDIVISION, SECTION ONE, A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 12, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 53 IN THE PEORIA COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE; THENCE NORTH 42 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID SOUTHEASTERLY LINE, 100.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 47 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 42 SECONDS EAST, 3.20 FEET TO THE MOST NORTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 9 OF MURRAY'S SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO; THENCE SOUTH 42 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE NORTH-WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 9, 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Commonly known as: **14011 North Edgewater Drive Chillicothe, IL 61523**

and which said Mortgage was made by, Lance A Pruett Mortgageor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Caliber Home Loans, Inc. Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, Illinois, as Document No. 2015002107; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before May 11, 2026, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY – IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of MARY LOU CRICK, Deceased
2026-PR-59

CLAIM DAY NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of MARY LOU CRICK. Letters of office were issued on March 24, 2026, to LUANN BALDOCK, 6003 N. Kickapoo Edwards Road, Edwards, Illinois 61528, Executor, whose attorney of record is Froehling, Weber & Schell, LLP (NANCY A. SCHELL), 150 North Elmwood Road, Farmington, Illinois 61531, Phone #309/245-2474, Fax #309/245-2475.

Administration of this estate will be without court supervision, unless an interested party requests supervised administration pursuant to a petition filed under 755 ILCS 5/28-4.

Claims must be filed on or before a date not less than six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of this notice to creditors, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Claims must be filed in the Office of the Peoria County Circuit Clerk's Office, 324 Main Street, Peoria, Illinois 61602. The claimant within ten (10) days after filing his or her claim with the court: (1) shall cause a copy of the claim to be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney of record, unless the representative or the attorney has in writing either consented to the allowance of the claim or waived mailing or delivery of the copies, and (2) shall file with the court proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2026.

LUANN BALDOCK, as Executor of the Estate of MARY LOU CRICK, deceased
By: /s/ Nancy A. Schell, their attorney

FROEHLING, WEBER & SCHELL, LLP

150 North Elmwood Road, Farmington, Illinois 61531
(309) 245-2474; nschell@fwslawyers.com
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SEALED BID SALE

All items to be sold by sealed bid. All bids must be received in the Farmington City Offices by April 30, 2026, by 4 p.m. Bids will be opened at 5 p.m. on May 4, 2026, and approved at the subsequent City Council Meeting. All items available for inspection by appointment.

- 2000 Mercedes-Benz CLK320 V6, 3.2L 3199cc GAS MFI type 112.940, 3 valve SOHC, 120,000 miles, A/C issue, electric issue. New parts in trunk. Runs and drives
- 2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility V6, 3.7L 3726cc 227ci GAS MFI, vin R type 99R, 4 valve DOHC, 147,000 miles. Cylinder #6 dead, new coils and plugs installed. Runs and drives.
- 2015 Ford Police Interceptor Utility V6, 3.7L 3726cc 227ci FLEX MFI, vin R type 99R, 4 valve DOHC, 147,000 miles. Transmission issue, new battery, tires in good condition.
- 2013 Ford Police Interceptor Utility base, V6, 3.7L 3726cc 227ci GAS MFI, vin R type 99R, 4 valve DOHC, 138,500 miles. Output shaft bearing possibly out or CVC shaft. Needs new battery but will start and run if jumped Will need to be towed.
- 2001 Chevrolet C7500, snow plow, salt spreader. Runs and drives. Minimum bid \$2,500.
- 1997 Chevrolet service truck, former bucket truck w/bucket removed. Runs and drives. Minimum bid \$2,000.
- 1997 Ford F350 dump box and plow, 5 speed. Runs and drives. Minimum bid \$2,000.
- Two Cub Cadet Tank Mowers
- Woods Mower
- Honda 10 hp engine – Runs
- Electric Man Lift
- Echo Chain Saw for parts
- Rigid 300 piper threader

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could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR AT-

TEMPTING 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
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY PEORIA, ILLINOIS

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING Plaintiff,

-v-
RYAN A. JONES et al Defendant

2025-FC-0000180

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 3, 2025, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on May 7, 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:
PART OF LOT 3 OF NELSON CLARKS RESURVEY AND SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH

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

In Re ESTATE OF DEBORAH A. SMITH, Deceased. CC 2026-PR-0000074

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of DEBORAH A. SMITH on March 11, 2025. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to LAURA MARIE HARTMAN, of 6508 West Willow Oak Court, Edwards, Illinois 61528, 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 30th day of October, 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 <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/EFSP-Page/> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinois-courts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>.

DATED this 8th day of April, 2026.

LAURA MARIE HARTMAN, Executor of the Estate of DEBORAH A. SMITH, Deceased.

ASHLEE E. STABLER, Esq.

WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PEORIA COUNTY – IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROL GERTRUDE TORSET, DECEASED
2026-PR-52

NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of CAROL GERTRUDE TORSET. Letters of Administration were issued on March 24, 2026, to SORAYA MARIE MCKEE of 1567 Dakota Dr., Hudson, NC 28638, as Independent Administrator, whose Attorney of record is Nancy A. Schell, Froehling, Weber & Schell, LLP, 167 West Elm Street, Canton, Illinois 61520, Phone #309/647-6317, Fax #309/647-6350.

Administration of this estate will be without court supervision, unless an interested party requests supervised administration pursuant to a petition filed under 755 ILCS 5/28-4.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Peoria County Circuit Clerk, 324 Main Street, Peoria, Illinois 61602, or with the Representative, or both, on or before a date no less than six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/18-3), the date stated in that notice. Filing with the Clerk is to be in accordance with Illinois Supreme Court Rule 9, which makes electronic filing mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions.

Any claim not filed on or before the above referenced date is barred. Within 10 days after filing a claim with the Clerk, the Claimant must mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Representative and to the Representative's Attorney of Record and file with the Clerk a proof of mailing or delivery of said copy.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2026.

SORAYA MARIE MCKEE, as Independent Administrator of the Estate of CAROL GERTRUDE TORSET, deceased

Nancy A. Schell, Attorney

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PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT 20 FEET WEST OF AND 50 FEET NORTH OF THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF LOT 4 OF SAID SUBDIVISION, SAID POINT OF BEGINNING BEING ALSO ON THE WEST LINE OF MARKET STREET IN BRADLEY PARK ADDITION, AND THENCE RUNNING NORTH ALONG THE SAID WEST LINE OF MARKET STREET 45 FEET; THENCE WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE LINE DIVIDING LOTS 3 AND 4 OF SAID SUBDIVISION, 145; THENCE SOUTH, PARALLEL WITH MARKET STREET, 45 FEET; THENCE EAST 145 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Commonly known as 1425 N MARKET ST., PEORIA AKA WEST PEORIA, IL 61604

Property Index No. 18-06-251-017
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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

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LEGAL ADS - Call (309) 741-9790

PRINCEVILLE ZONING BOARD MEETING NOTICE

The Village of Princeville Zoning Board will meet on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Princeville Village Hall, 206 N. Walnut Ave., Princeville, IL 61559.

The Zoning Board will meet to discuss and vote on a variance request to change the property at 21005 N. Route 91, from Agricultural District to Commercial C-2 District.

Also, the Zoning Board will discuss and vote on a variance request to permit construction of a 4-foot chain link fence, in the rear yard, on the south property line at 603 N. Santa Fe Avenue.

Dated this 8th day of April 2026

Dan Huss, Zoning Board Chairman

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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-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, 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-SALE

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. 14-25-06211 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2025-FC-0000180 TJSC#: 45-3164

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-0000180 I3284798 Published 4/9, 4/16, 4/23/26

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

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee of the Sequoia Funding Trust, Plaintiff

vs. **Chester E. Powell; Barbara J. Powell; Kent E. Harpman; City of Effingham, Illinois; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants**

Defendant
25 FC 200
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 May 13, 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. 06-06-300-007.

Commonly known as 24625 West

Swab Run Road, Elmwood, Illinois 61529.

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, Sottile & Barile, LLC, 7530 Lucerne Drive, Suite 210, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130. (440) 572-1511. IL2508001 INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com I3284593 Published 4/9, 4/16, 4/23/26

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

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff,
-v.-
JOSHUA PAUL MCDERMAID et al Defendant
2025-FC-0000197

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 7, 2026, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on May 14, 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 LOT 1 OF HAMMER'S SUBDIVISION, BEING PART OF THE SOUTH HALF OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 1, THENCE NORTH 50 DEGREES 00 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 1, A DISTANCE OF 239.06 FEET TO THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE NORTH 38 DEGREES 19 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 1, A DISTANCE OF 70.0 FEET TO THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE SOUTH 52 DEGREES 25 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 1, A DISTANCE OF 130.15 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF SAID SECTION 23; THENCE SOUTH 40 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 55.46 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 50 DEGREES 00 MINUTES EAST, A DISTANCE OF 111.49 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT; THENCE SOUTH 40 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID SOUTHERLY LINE A DISTANCE OF 20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 11915 N. RIVERVIEW ROAD, CHILlicothe, IL 61523

Property Index No. 09-23-326-003 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

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 Judi-

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the Illinois State Statutes and the permanent Zoning Ordinance of Peoria County, the Peoria County Zoning Board of Appeals will hold public hearings on **May 14, 2026**, as follows:

Case No. ZBA-2026-0011 at 9:00 a.m. Hearing to be held in Room 403, of the Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois.

Petition of **ANDREA AND TOM HEINZ**, acting on their own behalf, a VARIANCE request from Section 20-6.3.2.2.e.2.a of the Unified Development Ordinance, which requires a setback of not less than fifteen (15) feet from the side property line for an accessory structure less than two thousand (2,000) square feet in the "A-2" Agricultural Zoning District. The petitioner proposes to construct a garage at a distance of 4 ft. from the southern side setback, resulting in a variance request of 11 ft.

A part of the Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty-Six (26), Township Ten (10) North, Range Six (6) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the South line of said Section Twenty-Six (26), 643.5 feet West of the Southeast corner of said Section Twenty-Six (26); thence North 30° 56' East 193 feet, more or less, to the intersection of the West line of the public road; thence East to the center of said public road; thence Southeasterly, along the center of said public road, to its intersection with the South line of said Section Twenty-six (26); thence West to the place of beginning; Containing, .48 acres, more or less; (**JUBILEE TOWNSHIP 07-26-476-003**).

Case No. ZBA-2026-0015 at 9:00 a.m. Hearing to be held in Room 403, of the Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois.

Petition of **CHAD KELCH**, acting on their own behalf, a VARIANCE request from Section 20-5.13.3.4 of the Unified Development Ordinance, which requires that for lots and parcels in platted subdivisions not created by tract surveys or in residentially zoned districts, the total floor area of all accessory buildings, attached or detached, shall not exceed the footprint of the principal structure or 1,300 square feet, whichever is less, plus 750 square feet for a private garage. The petitioner proposes to construct a 1,500 sq. ft accessory structure in the "R-2" Medium Density Residential Zoning District, which would exceed the remaining cumulative allowable accessory structure floor area of 1378 sq. ft., resulting in a variance request of 122 square feet.

All of Lot One (1) in KICKAPOO KNOLLS, a Subdivision of part of the Southwest Quarter of Section Six (6), Township Nine (9) North, Range Seven (7) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, according to the plat thereof recorded September 29, 1960 in Plat Book "Y", Page 82; ALSO a part of Lot Five (5) in KICKAPOO KNOLLS more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Lot 5; thence S 89° 46' E along the North line of said Lot 5, a distance of 224.64 feet to the point of beginning of the tract to be described; thence continuing S 89° 46' E along the North line of said Lot 5, a dis-

tance of 95 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 5; thence S 0° 10' W along the East line of said Lot 5, a distance of 104.53 feet to a point on the South line of said Lot 5; thence S 89° 45' W along the South line of said Lot 5, a distance of 95 feet; thence N 0° 10' E, a distance of 105.33 feet to the point of beginning, situate, lying and being in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois; ALSO Lot Seven (7) in Block Five (5) in the VILLAGE OF KICKAPOO, EXCEPTING THEREFROM the East 30 feet of Lot Seven (7) in Block Five (5); all situate, lying and being in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois. (**KICKAPOO TOWNSHIP 13-06-306-020**).

Case No. ZBA-2026-0014 at 9:00 a.m. Hearing to be held in Room 403, of the Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois.

Petition of **DONALD KARRICK**, acting on behalf of Donald & Diana Karrick (owners), a VARIANCE request from Section 20-6.2.2.2.d.2.a of the Unified Development Ordinance, which requires a setback of not less than fifteen (15) feet from the side property line for an accessory structure less than two thousand (2,000) square feet in the "A-1" Agricultural Preservation Zoning District. The petitioner proposes to construct a garage at a distance of 5 ft. from the eastern side setback, resulting in a variance request of 10 ft. Also, a Variance request from Section 20-6.2.2.3.d.2.a of the Unified Development Ordinance, which requires a setback of not less than fifteen (15) feet from the rear property line for an accessory structure less than two thousand (2,000) square feet. The petitioner proposes to construct a garage at a distance of 5 ft. from the southern rear setback, resulting in a variance request of 10 ft.

A part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 8 North, Range 5 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 an iron rod at the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 24; thence North 87 degrees 18 minutes West, along the North line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 24, a distance of 145.5 feet to an iron rod; thence South 206 feet to an iron rod; thence South 87 degrees 18 minutes East, along an existing fence, 143.7 feet to an iron rod; thence North 0 degrees 30 minutes East, along an existing fence 205.9 feet to the point of beginning; situate, lying and being in the County of Peoria and State of Illinois. (**TRIVOLI TOWNSHIP 15-24-400-003**).

All pertinent written materials by either proponents or objectors pertaining to the above cases should be filed in the Department of Planning and Zoning, 324 Main Street, Room 301, Peoria, IL 61602.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS BY: J. GREG FLETCHER CHAIRPERSON

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF 2026-PR-0000038
JAMES M. GUTSHALL, DECEASED

NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of **JAMES M. GUTSHALL**. Letters of office were issued on **March 4, 2026**, to **SUE ANN GUTSHALL of 11406 N. Cedar Bluff Rd., Elmwood, IL 61529**, as Independent Executor, whose **Attorney of record is Ronald Weber, Froehling, Weber & Schell, LLP, 167 West Elm Street, Canton, Illinois 61520, Phone #309/647-6317, Fax #309/647-6350**.

Administration of this estate will be without court supervision, unless an interested party requests supervised administration pursuant to a petition filed under 755 ILCS 5/28-4.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the **Office of the Peoria County Circuit Clerk, 324 Main Street, Room G-22, Peoria, Illinois 61602**, or with the Representative, or both, on or before **October 16, 2026**, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/18-3), the date stated in that notice. Filing with the Clerk is to be in accordance with Illinois Supreme Court Rule 9, which makes electronic filing mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions.

Any claim not filed on or before the above referenced date is **barred**. Within 10 days after filing a claim with the Clerk, the Claimant must mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Representative and to the Representative's Attorney of Record and file with the Clerk a proof of mailing or delivery of said copy.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2026.

SUE ANN GUTSHALL, as Independent Executor of the Estate of JAMES M. GUTSHALL, deceased
Ronald Weber, Attorney

RONALD WEBER
Froehling, Weber & Schell, LLP
167 West Elm Street
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In Re ESTATE OF No. 2026PR2
Stanley D. Smallwood, Deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of **Stanley D. Smallwood**. Letters of Office were issued on **April 7, 2026**, to **Melissa Sue Smallwood, as Independent Executor of 3380 SW 19th St., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312**, whose attorney is Michael Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P.O. Box 205, Galva, IL 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the **Knox County Circuit Clerk, Knox County Courthouse, 200 S. Cherry St., Galesburg, IL 61401**, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the BAR DATE, and any claim not filed within that period is **barred**. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Massie & Quick, LLC
Michael E. Massie
Attorneys for Estate
P.O. Box 205
Galva, IL 61434
Telephone: (309) 932-2168
ARDC #: 1788949
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cial 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.

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption. The property will NOT be open for

inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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

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TRACK: Ostrander rewriting R-W 100 record

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Schmidgall, Forney and Walker) had their best splits of the year" at Knoxville, Hoffmann said. "(Hill) and Bristol have picked up where they left off last fall and right now for the younger girls, it's just about getting confidence."

E-B also has a strong 4x400 relay led by junior Ella Helms and freshman Ava Troglio and featuring Landrie and Channing Quiram. Those four won at Lewistown in 4:18.85 and posted a 4:17.78 to place second at Knoxville to Mercer County's 4:16.86. Helms also won the 400 at Knoxville in 1:01.66 and Troglio was third in 1:03.98.

In the field events, sophomore Bertsch is currently ranked 12th in Class 1A in pole vault and was second in that event at Lewistown, clearing a PR of 9 feet, 6 inches. Bertsch also scores often in the 100 hurdles (second at Knoxville in 19:21, fourth at Lewistown in a PR of 18:16).

Another point-getter is sophomore long jumper Lexi Begner, who was second at Lewistown (16-1.5) and Knoxville (15-2.75).

Other top contributors include senior Ava Forney (second in the 200 at Knoxville in 28.78), Landrie Quiram in the 300 hurdles (second at Lewistown in PB 51.81) and sophomore Riley Kelly (third in the 3,200 at Lewistown in 12:51.37).

The Trojans boys placed second at Lewistown to Eureka's winning total of 183.5 points, with 70.5 points in the 15-team boys field. Farmington was sixth with 60.5 points. Aiden Faulkner won the 1,600 (SB, 4:30.46) and 3,200 (PB, 9:45.49).

At Knoxville, E-B won the 4x400 relay (3:34.24) and the 4x800 relay

(8:16.79) behind the same quartet of Hason Hubbard, Faulkner, Kam Stevenson and Darwin Herman. Cole Cahill won the 3,200 (9:57.95), Danny Sharp was second in the 3,200 (4:42.56) and Garrett Webster was second in 110 hurdles (18.87)

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – Senior Taven Ostrander has spent this spring rewriting the school record of 10.9 seconds in the 100 previously established in 1998 by Justin Powers. Ostrander first broke the record at Kewanee on April 9 with a 10.85 clocking, then again on April 14 at the first Cougar Invite with a sizzling 10.66.

He did not run the 100 Monday at Knoxville, during which the boys and girls teams placed fourth. Emerson Ponce was the boys lone winner, claiming the 300 hurdles (42.84), and Megyn Erlacher was the lone girls winner, taking first in shot put with a throw of 32-11.25.

The April 14 Cougar Invite was a new highlight for the team, as the girls topped the four-team field and the boys were second to Farmington. Ostrander also won the 200 (23.1) at home, Daniel Skala was first in the 400 (54.98), Parker Tamburro won in the triple jump (37-11.25) and Ponce won the 300 hurdles (43.54) and long jump (18-10.5).

The girls team was second to Mercer County and the boys were third to Sherrard and host Princeville at an April 16 meet. Girls winners at Princeville were Mina Steinfield in the 300 hurdles (54.95), Megyn Erlacher in shot put (34-5.5) and discus (111-3), the 4x200 relay (4:31.17) and the 4x800 relay (11:17.76).

Winners for R-W in boys events were Joe Wick in the 110 hurdles (18.27), Ponce in 300 hurdles

(43.39), the 4x100 relay (44.49), the 4x200 relay (1:32.73) and the 4x800 relay (8:49.0).

• **Farmington** – The boys team won the Bullet Invite on Monday thanks to strong finishes in the relays and a bevy of points in field events. Farmington won the 4x100 (44.31) behind Noah Fleming, Kyle Miller, Jackson Ray and Ethan Martin; and the 4x200 relay (1:34.78) behind Fleming, Miller, Gage Galyean and Martin. Galyean also led all Farmers point-getters in the field with a first in long jump (PB, 18-3).

Miller paced the Farmers at Lewistown on April 16, winning the 200 (23.26) and placing third in the 100 (11.37). Mason Shelby also won with a throw of 139-6 in discus. Camryn Emmons led the girls with a win in the 300 hurdles (51.21) and Ra'Niya Taylor was second in the high jump (4-10).

Prior to that on April 14, the boys won the Cougar Invite at Oneida, topping the hosts 177-166. The Farmington girls were second. Dax Ulm won the 800 (SB, 2:09.71) and 1,600 (5:02.84); Barrett Demmin won the high jump (6-1.25); Mason Shelby was first in shot put (43-5.75); and other winners included the 4x100 (44.24) and the 4x200 relay (1:35.83).

• **Princeville** – The boys team was second to Sherrard (138 points) on April 16 in a home meet, scoring 81 points. Winners for Princeville were Dawson Freres in the 100 (PB, 11.55) and 200 (PB 23.78); Collin Carruthers in the discus (PB, 147-6); and the 4x400 relay (3:40.48) of Brock Butler, Collin Bowers, James Hunt and Oliver Melick.

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Reversal of fortune for Farmington softball

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

After winning only one of its first 10 games, Farmington softball is on a roll.

Nevaeh Howard had four RBI and Laila Irvin had a three-run triple in a decisive fourth inning Monday as Farmington beat Manito Midwest Central 11-8. It was the fourth victory in a row, two by shutout, for Farmington (5-9).

The Farmers trailed 5-3 before they scored five in the fourth. Howard was 3-for-4 overall. Gracie Duley drove in two runs and was 2-for-3. Also having two hits each were Ashlyn Brewer and Kennedy Koenig.

Ella Essex pitched a one-hitter April 15 at Carthage in a 7-0 Farmington victory over Illini West. Brewer and Duley each had three hits in the third and fourth spots, respectively, in the lineup. Duley and Koenig each had two RBI.

The previous day, Essex and Howard combined to one-hit ROWVA-Williamsfield in a 6-0 victory. Koenig was 3-for-3, and Brewer had two hits and as many RBI.

Farmington Coach Jeni Fauser attributes the recent run to some lineup changes and production from two freshmen, Essex in the pitcher's circle and Brewer in the batter's box. Brewer returned recently from injury.

"She has been a big lift for us in the three-spot," Fauser stated. "Koenig, Brewer and Duley are doing well in the middle of the order. I've been trying to switch some players in for offense and others just for defense."

Farmington is to play today (April 23) at Havana, then Friday at home against Morton. A game April 18 at Macomb was postponed and is to be rescheduled.

• **Brimfield-Elmwood** – Sawyer Drury followed a six-RBI game by driving in four April 16 as B-E (14-4) beat Deer Creek-Mackinaw 17-1. Those RBI came on an inside-the-park grand slam. It was the second inside-the-park homer in as many games for Drury, who had one April 13 in a victory over Knoxville.

Drury also allowed one hit and struck out 12 in a four-inning game. She had the same pitching statistics against Knoxville. Adelyn Magee drove in three against Dee-Mack, and Schyer Meinders had three RBI.

The previous day, Meinders had three home runs and eight RBI in a 19-4 run-rule victory at LVC.

Meinders had a grand slam in a nine-run first inning. She had a three-run homer in the third and another homer in the fourth. Kendyl Binder had three RBI, and Layla Hersemann hit a three-run homer.

LVC is to play B-E again today.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – A nine-run third inning Monday for LVC doomed ROWVA-Williamsfield, which lost its fourth in a row, 13-9. Emerson Hannam drove in two runs for R-W (5-9), and Riley Smith had two hits. The three consecutive R-W defeats before Monday were by shut-out.

R-W was held to three hits April 16 in a 5-0 loss at Ridgewood. Smith had a double. R-W also had three hits April 14 in its 6-0 loss to Farmington. The Cougars are to play today at Stark County and Friday at Galva. A game set for April 17 against Varna Midland was postponed and is to be rescheduled.

• **Princeville** – A doubleheader scheduled for Monday against Galva was postponed for a second time. Galva representatives said they didn't have enough available players, according to Princeville Coach Chad Gardner. The games, which were postponed earlier because of weather, might be played May 13.

Claire Sutherland was 2-for-3 with a triple, but she also surrendered eight runs (five earned) in an 11-2 loss April 16 to Knoxville. Princeville (4-13) is to play today against Abingdon-Avon, then twice Friday against Stark County.

BASEBALL: Farmers have won eight in a row

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left and Johnson drew a bases-loaded walk to score another run.

On April 16, the Indians scored five runs in the first and added six runs in the third in a 12-1 victory over Illini Bluffs. Schatsiek had an RBI double, Doe had an RBI single and Blake Bruner had a two-run single in the first frame.

B-E (12-2) is scheduled to face ROWVA-Williamsfield on Friday and West Prairie on Saturday. The key upcoming game, though, is Monday at Farmington.

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"Next week is big for us," Sams said, noting Prairieland Conference and IHSA sub-sectional implications. "They're always competitive and have a good squad."

It is the only regular-season meeting between the two teams. Both teams are in Class 2A and the state series is a month away, with regionals beginning May 25.

"I feel like this time of year there is always extra motivation to win conference games, especially with so many of these guys competing against each other in other sports," Farmington Coach Justin Begner said. "Brimfield is always at the top of our conference, so we know we have to get past them to be competitive."

"Both teams have strong pitching at the top of their rotations, so I expect a tight game. Hopefully we have a great crowd to give us that home-field advantage."

ing Stark County today and Brimfield-Elmwood on Friday.

• **Farmington** – Tristan Hendy went 2-for-3 with five RBI and blanked Peoria Heights over four innings on one hit with eight strikeouts in a 17-0 run-rule win on Monday.

Farmington (10-4-1) has posted eight wins in a row heading into Saturday's game against Peoria Christian.

Last week, Landon Crawford was 3-for-4 with a double, a triple and three RBI and Bronson Atchley had a pair of doubles among his three hits in a 16-2, four-inning win over Midwest Central on Saturday. Jonah Welker earned the pitching decision.

Atchley fanned 16 batters with no walks in an 11-1, six-inning win over ROWVA-Williamsfield on April 14. Brody Shepherd and Boston Smith had two-run doubles, and Crawford smacked a two-run homer for the Farmers.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – Brody Lytle hit a first-inning home run in an 11-1 loss to Farmington on April 14. Nick Little was 3-for-3 and Carter Smith was 2-for-2 for R-W.

Two days later, the Cougars built an eight-run lead and held on for a 9-7 win over Ridgewood. Drake DeJaynes, Austin Owens and Smith had two RBI apiece and right-hander Connor Buck got the pitching decision.

R-W (8-5) had games scheduled against Orion on Tuesday and West Central on Wednesday before visit-

ing Stark County today and Brimfield-Elmwood on Friday.

• **Princeville** – Princeville swept a doubleheader against Galva on Monday after the twinbill was rescheduled from Saturday.

The Princes walked off with a 3-2 Game 1 win on Carter Peterson's RBI single in the bottom of the ninth. Hunter Johnson allowed two runs and three hits in seven innings with seven strikeouts. Cayden Allen got the final six outs, allowing one hit and fanning two.

Allen also doubled twice and Noah Geiger went 2-for-4 with a double.

In Game 2, Geiger hit a three-run homer during a seven-run fourth inning and didn't allow a hit in five innings in a 9-0 victory. Geiger struck out five.

Cooper Cox, Peterson and Coley Palmer had RBI singles in a seven-run third inning for Princeville in 12-6 win over Knoxville on April 16. Jace Graham had a two-run single and Edo Arnett earned the pitching decision after going 5 1/3 innings, allowing seven hits and four runs.

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Ben Wierzba to lead Evansville women

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

Ben Wierzba will have to retrieve his purple attire from storage.

The 1995 Farmington high school graduate was hired last week as the new women's basketball head coach at the University of Evansville. It's the second college head-coaching job for Wierzba, who spent the past three seasons as an assistant at Miami of Ohio.

It's also his second stint at Evansville, where Wierzba was a men's assistant from 2007-10. Evansville is among nine places Wierzba has coached in his quarter-century career. There he met his wife, Liz, with whom he has three children.

"Evansville has rubbed off on me," Wierzba told The Weekly Post a few days after he was hired. "When I got on campus for my interview, it just felt home. It felt natural, where I'm supposed to be."

Not to mention what he's supposed to wear, perhaps. The Purple Aces share a primary color with Wierzba's high school alma mater. Wierzba played for his father, the now-retired Tom Wierzba, who coached 521 victories from 1983 to 2009.

"It's in my blood, you know. Someone asked me if I was going to

get my dad's blazers," the younger Wierzba said jokingly.

An official public introduction for Wierzba, who turns 49 on May 22, is scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday in Evansville, Ind. The Aces were 10-25 in 2025-26, including 5-15 in the Missouri Valley Conference, before Coach Robyn Scherr resigned after five seasons.

Wierzba is coming off a stellar season at Miami, where he assisted another coach with Illinois roots, Glenn Box of Cairo. After winning nine games in Wierzba's first season, the Redhawks from Oxford, Ohio, were 28-7 and qualified for the NCAA Tournament.

Previously, Wierzba spent eight seasons as an assistant at Mercer. The school in Macon, Ga., won 166 games and made four NCAA and two WNIT appearances during Wierzba's tenure.

"I've been a part of two great programs in building stuff," Wierzba said. "This is a chance to build my own program and put my stamp on it. I just thought it was the right time to do this."

Before Mercer, Wierzba spent his college coaching career in men's basketball. From 2010 to 2014, he was

head coach at Illinois-Springfield, a Division II program. Wierzba was an assistant at Army, Lewis, North Dakota, St. Joseph's (Ind.) and Southern Illinois Edwardsville. He also played at SIUE.

Wierzba said he talks daily with his dad and his mother, Cindy, who reside in Englewood, Fla., near Sarasota. His younger brother, Rhet, is a longtime women's assistant coach at Indiana.

Rhet Wierzba was diagnosed in 2024 with a brain tumor. Earlier this month, the United States Basketball Writers Association gave him the 2026 Pat Summitt Most Courageous Award.

"I talked to him the other day and he's got a different energy about him," Ben Wierzba said. "He's battling, man. He's taking this head-on."

Wierzba intends to take a similar approach to his new job, a position he said he never envisioned as a youth in Farmington.

"I thought I was going to be a math teacher and a high school basketball coach, like my dad," he said. "The college side took off after I stopped playing. Having different opportunities, men's and women's, working your way through all this stuff. It's a dream come true."

COACHES: Southwood 14 years at Havana

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sophomore next season at Illinois Wesleyan University, where this season he played on the men's junior varsity. Daughters Bethany and Emily will be a high school senior and an 8th-grader, respectively.

"I was missing Tucker's games and I was missing my daughters' games, too," the eldest Sennett said. "I just felt like I needed to be there for them."

Princeville finished 15-16 in 2025-26 and lost in the opening round of Class 1A regionals.

In Lozier's final season, Farmington finished 17-14 and advanced to the Class 2A sectional semifinals. The senior-laden team sustained injury problems in the first half of the season. Farmington's key returnee might be Logan Gardner, a 6-foot-5 sophomore who had a promising second half.

Before Southwood came to Farmington, he spent 14 full seasons as head coach at Havana. His record from 2011-12 to 2024-25 was 136-238. Southwood also was principal in his final year at Havana, but he wanted to continue coaching.

Farmington presented a chance to do that, according to Southwood. He said it's a bigger school than Havana with more opportunities for his two sons, 6th-grader Gavin and high school freshman Aiden. Southwood's wife, Tiffany, is a 1st-grade Farmington teacher.

"We just kind of felt that it was that time to make that jump," Tyler Southwood said. "And there was a chance to come be part of a great program at Farmington, too, not just the basketball program but the school."

A graduate of Mon-

mouth College, Southwood is the Farmington junior-high student-success coordinator. He works with teachers to identify and help at-risk students. Southwood also was a freshman basketball coach at Canton, where he worked under current Farmington AD Jeff Otto.

That isn't the only Farmington connection Southwood had. He graduated in 2001 from nearby Lewistown, where he said he experienced first-hand the basketball tradition legendary Farmington Coach Tom Wierzba established.

Legendary coaches at Lewistown also inspired Southwood's career choice. That group included Mel Casper in basketball, Darren Winkler and Greg Bennett in football and the late Ned Graham in baseball.

"Not a lot of people can say, 'I got to play for four

hall-of-fame coaches,'" Southwood said. "I hope I can be an important part of kids' lives. That's really what it's all about."

"I'm just very thankful that the (Farmington) board and administration gave me the opportunity to coach kids. It's something I truly enjoy and have enjoyed my entire career as an educator."

Meanwhile, Sennett will step away from the sidelines for the first time in a long time. He suggested his top assistant, Aaron Cowser, would be a good successor.

Sennett also suggested he's not necessarily finished as a varsity coach at Princeville. He still is coaching its bass-fishing team, for one thing.

"I'm not going to be gone forever, I think," Sennett said. "You never know what life's going to bring."



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Quick rebound for B-E baseball

Indians blank South Fulton two days after win streak snapped

By **ANDY LATORA**

For The Weekly Post

Brimfield-Elmwood baseball had an eight-game winning streak snapped last Saturday with a 3-2 loss at Illini West.

Sean Crowe gave up three runs on five hits with six strikeouts and one walk. IW's Wesley Robertson went the distance and limited B-E to four hits. He struck out seven.

"Illini West is a really good team," B-E Coach James Sams said. "Their pitcher kept us off balance but we did hit into some hard outs. Kaeden (Schatsiek) had a couple of homers that stayed in the

park because of the wind. "The bottom line is that we lost because we made three errors and didn't execute enough on offense."

There was no carry over in B-E's game Monday. Kai Nelson allowed two hits in four scoreless innings with eight strikeouts in a 15-0 run-rule win over South Fulton. Schatsiek doubled twice and knocked in three runs and Crowe and Connor Doe had two RBI apiece.

Dane Fagerburg, Layne Johnson and Griffin Hougham each had two hits.

Last week, Schatsiek allowed a two-run home run in the first inning, then



Brimfield-Elmwood's Kaeden Schatsiek delivers a pitch against Macomb during a 3-2 win on April 14. Schatsiek struck out 14 in a complete game. Photo by Brimfield/Elmwood Sports Shots.

blanked Macomb the rest of the way in a 3-2 victory on April 14. Schatsiek

struck out 14 with one walk in the complete

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One TS elevated, other steps down

Sennett resigns at Princeville, Southwood hired at Farmington

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Weekly Post

Tait Sennett and Tyler Southwood have more in common than their initials.

Both men were born in May – Sennett will be 48 on May 7, and Southwood turns 43 on May 3. Both have been longtime high school boys basketball coaches.

Starting next season, however, their similarities end, at least for now.

Southwood is the newly appointed head coach at Farmington, while Sennett will be departing from Princeville.

An assistant coach in 2025-26 at Farmington,

Southwood succeeds Marty Lozier, who retired after five seasons. That also is how long Sennett spent in the top job at Princeville, although he's been teaching and coaching there since 2003.

Sennett assisted his predecessor, current Princeville Athletics Director Jeff Kratzer, before he ascended to the top spot.

Sennett's record was 100-60 and featured a run to the Class 1A Sweet Sixteen in 2025. But the job also took Sennett away from watching his three children compete in basketball and other sports.

Tucker Sennett will be a *Continued on Page 19*

E-B girls track team showing postseason promise

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

The golden era of girls track and field teams for Elmwood-Brimfield dates back to the first three seasons of the new millennium. From 2000-2003, the Lady Trojans won three straight Class A sectional titles.

Those are also the last girls sectional titles won by E-B, though recent meets have raised the question whether this young team could have the goods to add to the trophy case.

Last Thursday, distance-running, relays and field events all helped E-B pile up points in a

win at the John Levingston Invite at Lewistown. The Lady Trojans scored 95 points to top Lewistown (76) and Illini Bluffs (75) among others in the 14-team field.

Then Monday at Knoxville, the E-B girls placed second to traditional power Mercer County in the Bullet Invite.

While E-B was outscored 123-95.5, there was no pole vault contested, an event in which E-B's Ashlyn Bertsch would be favored.

Even so, Coach Cooper Hoffmann is not ready to make bold predictions about topping the

Golden Eagles in the May 13 Class 1A sectional at Farmington.

"I think we've got a lot of depth. I think they have maybe a little more depth," Hoffmann said. "Mercer County is always pretty loaded overall and in the sprint events."

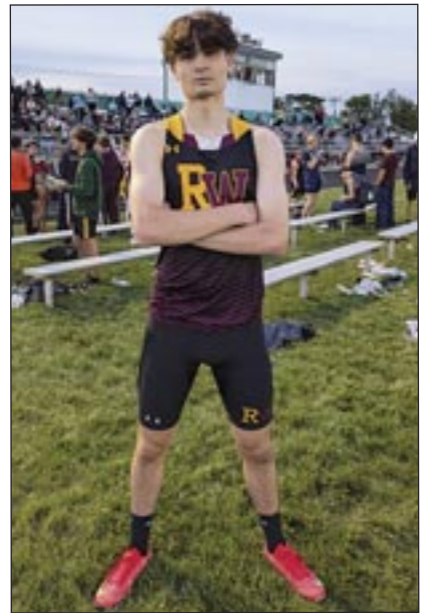
Sprinting is not the strength for E-B, which has a strong distance crew, good 400-meter runners and two consistent point-getters in the field events.

Leading distance runners are sophomores Mya Hill and Bristol Schmidgall. At Lewistown, Hill won the 800 in a personal-

best time of 2:21.55 and Schmidgall was second in the 1,600 in a season-best 5:48.61. At Knoxville, Schmidgall was second in the 800 (2:29.50) and Hill was second in the 1,600 (5:24.57), both personal bests.

Those two also ran on a 4x800 relay that won in a season-best 10:00.61 at Knoxville, topping a battle-tested Stark County quartet, and was untested in a 10:45.74 win at Lewistown. Other members of that relay are freshman Madalyn Ori, junior Taylor Forney and freshman Charlotte Walker.

"All four of them (Hill, *Continued on Page 17*



ROWVA-Williamsfield senior Taven Ostlander has twice posted school records in the 100-meter dash this spring.

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