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Good Forest Timber to harvest 49 trees from city property

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

ELMWOOD – Trees are to be harvested from a newly annexed property at the north edge of Elmwood. But not too many.

Good Forest Timber Co. of Chlicothe is to remove 49 walnut trees from about 14 acres the city purchased last year. Good Forest is to pay the city at least \$35,000 for the trees. The bid was the only one the city received, according to Mayor Andrew Almasi.

The property north of Maple Lane Country Club, near Illinois routes 8 and 78, has hundreds of trees, Almasi said after the Elmwood City Council voted April 21 to accept the Good Forest bid.

“This would barely put a dent in it,” Almasi said. “They’re not going to touch the oaks, the hickorys, the maples. Forty-nine is not a huge amount of trees.”

It’s uncertain when Good Forest is to begin its harvest, although Almasi hopes it happens this summer. The city intends to ask permission from the Illinois Department of Transportation to install a temporary culvert off Route 78 to facilitate access to the site.

Additional trees are expected to be removed over the next year or two as the city develops trails on the property. The city purchased it to provide

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BACK IN BUSINESS



Princeville Village Board members meet in their meeting room at the Village Hall on April 21. It was the first meeting there after a renovation that took 2½ months to complete. Photo by Nick Vlahos.

Lighter and brighter

Renovation completed at Princeville Village Hall

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PRINCEVILLE – The Princeville Village Board is back home again, although home is a little different than it used to be.

The meeting room at Village Hall underwent a renovation that took about 2½ months to complete. The board meeting April 21 was the first in the redone digs.

New carpeting, paint, lighting, electrical outlets, chairs, trim, soundproof doors and an updated heating, ventilation and air-conditioning sys-

tem are among the improvements. The room also is larger and more open than its predecessor, which featured dated furniture and wall-paper.

“It’s a lot brighter and a lot more natural light, too. I like that,” Trustee Spencer Wilson said.

The last meeting-room makeover was about 30 years ago, according to Chad Gardner, the village superintendent of public works.

“It needed to be redone,” Gardner said. “It should last another 30-40-50 years. ... I

think it turned out great. I really like it.”

Gardner had much to do with it. He devised the layout and the green-and-white color scheme. Gardner spent part of meeting day assembling chairs village officials are to use. The previous week, he and other village workers installed carpeting. Village employees also handled most of the demolition.

Mercer Construction of Princeville did much of the remaining work. That included extending the

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Railroad crossing to stay open

ICC denies request to close crossing at Whittaker Road

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

The effort to keep open a railroad crossing east of Laura probably cost Millbrook Township close to \$20,000 in legal fees, according to a local official.

Last week, the Illinois Commerce Commission voted to deny a BNSF Railway request to close the Whittaker Road crossing, something the railroad proposed almost three

years ago. BNSF cited safety concerns and lack of use.

But during a meeting April 23 in Springfield, the five-member commission sided with its administrative-law judges and Millbrook Township officials. They said oversized farm equipment uses the north-south unguarded crossing regularly and suggested detours were too far away, inadequate and unsafe.

Over the years, multiple status hearings in the case led to an evidentiary hearing last December. That resulted in significant legal expenses for a township its highway commissioner, Matt Perham, called the poorest in Peoria County.

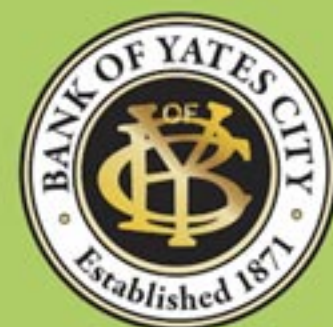
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RAILROAD: Issues with alternative routes

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liked to spend on something else," Perham said.

According to the commission order, only about 10 vehicles on average use the Whittaker Road crossing each day. But that vehicle count can approach 100 during planting and harvest seasons. Most of those vehicles are related to agriculture. Many are large and slow moving.

"There was clear evidence that Whittaker Road is actively used by the farmers in the area for convenience and to transport hazardous materials during the harvest season," the order stated.

The commission appeared unconvinced of BNSF's safety argument,

stating in its order that the Whittaker Road crossing has no permanent obstructions hindering the view of the two east-west tracks.

But the commission did find fault with the alternative crossings BNSF suggested, Illinois Route 78 and Brimfield Road. Both were found to have safety issues regarding farm equipment – clearance under the Route 78 viaduct and sight limitations there and at Illinois Route 90 and Brimfield Road.

Route 90 is located just north of the Brimfield Road crossing. The detours also are farther from the Whittaker Road crossing than the state standard of four miles.

"The totality of the circumstances

supports retention of the Whittaker Road crossing," the order stated.

BNSF is not allowed to appeal the order unless it applies for another hearing subject to administrative review.

With planting season underway, the Whittaker Road crossing is busy like usual at this time of year, according to Perham.

"I'm just glad we were able to get a win out of it," he said about the commission vote. "I wish so much taxpayer money hadn't got spent to get where we're at, but I think it was worth it. It's nice to see it come out on the side of logic, even if it took a long time to get there."



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 - Oak Run has its community yard sales Saturday, May 2, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and also has an artisan market at The Watering Hole from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Weekly Post Seven-Day Forecast

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This Week's Events

- **Manna Meal** – The monthly Manna Meal is today, April 30, at noon at Elmwood United Methodist Church. Menu features fried chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salads and desserts. \$8.
- **Plant Sale** – Princeville High School FFA has a plant sale through May 9.
- **Future Events**
 - **Community Prayer** – The Elmwood Ministerium has a Community Prayer Service on May 7 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. hosted by and at Presbyterian Church of Elmwood. Program includes a solo by Julie Seeley and presentations by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Elmwood students. Breakfast served at 7:30 and Carle Hospital chaplain Trenton Parrish of Elmwood is guest speaker. Everyone is welcome.
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 - **Spring Concert** – Local high schools

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SCATTERSHOTS



Of taxes, tornadoes, safer teeth & Cooter

Rambling through central Illinois, wondering when we'll finally get some decent camping weather.

Peoria County real-estate bills are available and will go in the mail Friday, not that anybody who owns a house or property is in a rush to see the latest major increases. You may recall seeing a bunch of Truth in Taxation ads in the paper this year that are required of taxing bodies due to tax levies increasing by more than 5% from the previous year. Most taxing bodies will tell you they are merely following increases in equalized assessed value of properties when they raise their rates dramatically, as was the case this year. And that is fairly accurate. What those taxing bodies don't also say is that they are not required to increase their levy just because the EAV goes up. But that's leaving money on the table, officials from taxing bodies will say when pushed. My response: That would be OK, because the money being left on the tables is ours to help pay for food on the table and other goods. ... At least



Jeff LAMPE

Peoria County sends taxes out in a timely fashion. Does anybody else find it a bit embarrassing that Knox County is once again late with its real-estate taxes?

Having started this column so grumpily, it's wise to report some positive news. Illinois leads the nation in something other than onerous taxes and ridiculous gas prices. According to storm chaser **Adam Lucie**, the Prairie State ranked first in the nation with 131 tornado warnings through April 21. Wisconsin was a distant second at 82 and Missouri was third with 76. I'm guessing yesterday's flurry of tornadic activity in the southern half of Illinois only added to our lead over Wisconsin, though Missouri was hit by bad storms Monday as well. ... Want actual good news? Thanks to the rain and early warm temperatures we've experienced, many are saying this is the best morel mushroom season in decades. Finds are being measured in pounds not numbers of morels and successful shroomers are selling sackfuls online. ... Better yet, work is underway to repave Illinois Route 78 from the Interstate 74 exit for U.S. Route 150 to Laura. The bad news is that stretch will be one lane during peak construction. Work on the \$5 million project should be done by

mid-July, after which our teeth will collectively be much safer. ... Stakes also line the covered-wagon-trail of 78 north of Elmwood from Illinois Route 8 to U.S. Route 150, but there are no details yet on when that \$8 million FY 2026 project will start.

In case you didn't know, a new law that took effect Jan. 1 requires producers selling batteries in Illinois to participate in a battery stewardship plan. A list of Illinois recycling centers that will accept most household batteries can be found online at batterynetwork.org. According to that website, batteries can be recycled in Peoria at Lowe's, The Home Depot and at Interstate All Battery Center, 4530 N. Brandywine Drive. The Lowe's store in Galesburg is also listed as a battery drop spot. ... If tornadoes aren't exciting enough for you, there was a 4.0 magnitude earthquake that rattled Missouri's Bootheel and shook Cooter, Mo., on April 23. While no damage was reported, that quake is one of the strongest recorded in recent years in the New Madrid fault zone that stretches just into deep southern Illinois, where tremors were also felt. ... Parting shot: Of course there is a Missouri town that is called Cooter.

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McKown steps down as Brimfield coach

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

BRIMFIELD – The Brimfield School District already was looking to fill one basketball head-coaching vacancy. Now it's looking to fill two.

After four seasons and a 74-50 overall record, Josh McKown resigned his girls-basketball position. When it met April 22, the Brimfield School Board accepted McKown's resignation. The board did the same for Scott Carlson, who in March announced his retirement after 28 seasons as boys coach.

During an interview before the board meeting, McKown said family considerations prompted his resignation. He and his wife, Katie, have three children – a high school freshman, a 7th-grader and a 2nd-grader.

"My 7th-grader plays middle-school basketball and I missed probably 80% of his games this year," said the 44-year-old McKown, a Washington resident. "We used to live in Brimfield, and when I took the job, I thought I'd be coaching my kids. We

since have moved, and it got to be too hard."

McKown is a 1999 Brimfield graduate, a former Brimfield athlete and a longtime Brimfield educator. He was an assistant coach in baseball and boys basketball before he succeeded Maribeth Dura two months after Brimfield won the 2022 Class 1A girls basketball state championship.

Brimfield was 14-16 this season, the only losing one of McKown's tenure. Still, Brimfield advanced to a 1A regional final.

"It might be something where I coach again someday, but right now with the kids the ages that they are, I'm not around enough during the winters," McKown said.

In other personnel decisions, the board approved reappointing Holly Johnson as district treasurer and hiring Tara Blundy as high school secretary.

Among other items board members approved were for 12 FFA members to attend the organization's state convention

June 9-11 in Springfield and a bid from Alpha Baking Co. Inc. of Chicago for bread products for the 2026-27 academic year.

Brimfield Superintendent Chad Jones also announced the district intends to offer all-day preschool special-education classes in 2026-27. Brimfield has been host for morning and afternoon preschool for students from districts that are members of the Special Education Association of Peoria County.

Those classes are taught in two modular rooms located next door to Brimfield Grade School. One classroom is to be used

for half-day classes, the other for all day, according to Jones.

"We've always wanted to do it," he said. "We're going to try it and see how it works."

The change could provide the district with additional revenue, although Jones wasn't sure how much. When the original SEAPCO proposal was introduced last year, it was estimated the district might receive \$80,000 annually from playing host to other districts' special-ed students.

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PRINCEVILLE: Belt tightening on the horizon

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formerly cramped room to the east, into a part of the building that at one time was a garage for the village police vehicle. About one-third of that space remains as a storage area.

New desks for board members and other village officials are to be delivered in the next few weeks, according to Gardner. Walnut Avenue Woodworking of Princeville is constructing them. Other details to be completed include hanging framed photographs of various village landmarks.

The board met across the street at Lillie M. Evans Library while the work was taking place. The renovated room usually accommodates meetings of the board, its

committees and the Zoning Board. But community groups and others can use it, according to Gardner.

Remodeling cost in the \$45,000-\$50,000 range, Gardner estimated. The money was budgeted for a year or two before work began. Things didn't appear to get cheaper in the interim.

"It's funny, because 15 years ago, we would have (spent) \$25,000," Gardner said. "It stinks that it cost that much, but it makes it more available for the board. You're not all sitting around a 'U.' They all can face the crowd."

As for the meeting, Gardner lamented rising costs during a discussion about the village budget for the 2027 fiscal year. Village President Jeff

Troutman suggested belt-tightening might be in order.

"Certain funds are going down way too fast," he said. "We're still moving along and I still think we provide pretty good service to our residents. I know our employees do a good job of watching expenses the best they can."

Village finances and investments are to be addressed in closed session in upcoming months, according to Troutman.

Trustees approved a \$50,886.34 payment to Leander Construction Inc. of Canton for ongoing sewer and water-system improvements. They tabled a decision about donating to the Princeville Civic Association for the upcoming Heritage Days

celebration. No association representative was at the meeting.

For the second meeting in a row, the board tabled whether to allow the Akron-Princeville Fire Protection District to build a 1,000-gallon fuel tank on village property at 335 E. Evans St. Troutman suggested the fire-district board sign off on it first.

Building permits were issued for front-door alterations and an 8-by-12-foot addition to a garage at 601 N. Town Ave., a 12-by-22-foot addition to a garage at 419 N. Walnut Ave., front-porch alterations at 102 E. High St. and construction of a 5-by-10-foot deck and 6-foot wooden privacy fence at 204 W. South St.



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

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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.

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ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. Plaintiff,
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DONNIE LYNN MANNING et al Defendant
2025-FC-0000188

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ELMWOOD: Money will go to parks budget

Continued from Page 1 additional parkland.

“We’re going to have to do a lot of cleanup,” Almasi said. “There’s a lot of scrub and fallen trees, branches, you name it. It’s a lot of undergrowth.”

The money Good Forest pays the city is to go to the parks budget, according to Almasi. He said the previous property owner, the late Harry McFall III, planned to take out trees and reduce the sale price accordingly.

“That’s how we knew to look at harvesting at least

some of the timber,” Almasi said. “It’s a nice chance to get some money without raising taxes and get some of the clearing done.”

The city paid \$225,000 for the land. In late 2024, councilors approved the acquisition. They affirmed it in early 2025 following public opposition.

A land survey conducted recently in conjunction with the purchase revealed part of the country club lies on city property. Almasi suggested the city will work with the club regard-

ing the ramifications.

“I can’t see any advantage to driving them off,” the mayor said. “What’s that land really worth in the end? I’d rather it be in a permissive use where we have a good-neighbor policy.”

At some point, the city might want to install a walking trail around the north edge of the club to connect the new parkland to the Fairground Acres subdivision, according to Almasi.

The council also authorized the city to proceed

with an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency loan application. The money would help pay for planned work on wastewater lagoons at Sweetwater Park.



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Police reports

• **EDWARDS** – A fire at a residence east of Edwards resulted in about \$30,000 in damage.

The blaze in the 4800 block of N. Koerner Rd. began about 11:30 a.m. April 12, according to the Dunlap Fire Protection District. Smoke was visible from an attached garage. All occupants and pets evacuated before firefighters arrived.

No injuries were reported. The fire cause was undetermined. Akron-Princeville, Brimfield, Chillicothe, Limestone and Logan-Trivoli firefighters assisted. The Peoria County Sheriff's Office also responded.

• **EDWARDS** – Money and a purse were reported stolen from a motor vehicle parked north of Edwards. The apparent theft in the 9700 block of W. Countryside Lane happened sometime between 8 p.m. April 5 and 6 a.m. April 6, according to a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Among the redactions were the names of the suspect and the victim. The vehicle in question was a 2026 blue Hyundai.

• **BRIMFIELD** – Part of Interstate 74 was closed for about 10 hours following a semi-trailer-truck crash west of Brimfield.

The westbound truck went off the interstate shortly before 5 a.m. April 5 near mile marker 69, according to the Illinois State Police. The truck struck a guardrail and caught fire.

No injuries were reported. The westbound lanes were closed until shortly before 2:45 p.m.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A Stark County man was accused of domestic battery following an incident at a residence northeast of Princeville.

A Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy was dispatched shortly after 9:15 p.m. April 4 to the 4500 block of W. County Line Rd. regarding active family trouble, according to a heavily redacted report. Matthew J. Braker, 36, of Camp Grove was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

The report listed a male victim and a female witness, both of Spear.

• **BRIMFIELD** – A single-vehicle accident southwest of Brimfield resulted in no apparent injury to the driver.

Mandy D. Snyder of Elmwood was behind the wheel of a westbound 2022 Hyundai Santa Fe sport-utility vehicle shortly after 12:15 a.m. April

2 on Shissler Road about one-half mile west of Brimfield Road when she attempted to avoid a small animal in the rain, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

The SUV swerved right and entered a ditch, traveled about 30 yards, struck a field entrance and became stuck. The SUV sustained damage and was towed.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – A Chillicothe woman sustained what appeared to be a minor injury from a single-vehicle wreck east of Princeville.

At 9:30 p.m. April 1, Ricki M. Winters was driving an eastbound 2003 Chrysler sport-utility vehicle in the 4600 block of Illinois Route 90 when in rainy weather it hydroplaned into the ditch, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Winters complained about collarbone pain but declined treatment after Akron-Princeville ambulance staff checked her. The vehicle was towed after it sustained minor front-end damage.

• **BELLEVEUE** – A Hanna City man was arrested for multiple crimes after he apparently fled on a minibike following a traffic stop west of Bellevue.

Robert M. Vandyke, 22, drove the minibike north through fields following the stop, shortly before 3 p.m. March 28 in the 6600 block of W. Plank Rd., a heavily redacted Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. Eventually, Vandyke was apprehended and transported to the Peoria County Jail.

Vandyke was accused of fleeing and eluding police, obstructing police, reckless driving, driving the wrong way on a divided highway, improper lane use, reckless operation of an all-terrain vehicle, operating an uninsured vehicle, operating a vehicle without registration and violation of his driver's license.

In addition, Vandyke was wanted in Fulton County for an unspecified offense. The report also suggested Vandyke was transported to Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria before being taken to jail.

• **PRINCEVILLE** – Someone who stole a vehicle from a Princeville residence backed into a mailbox and damaged it, according to authorities.

The incident was reported shortly after 11:15 a.m. March 28 in the 600 block of W. Main St., a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated. The vehicle was a 2016 Chevrolet Colorado pickup truck.

No damage estimate was listed. No suspect information was available. The accident happened on a day at least six vehicle-related theft-and-burglary incidents in Princeville were reported.

• **HANNA CITY** – A Peoria man was accused of aggravated domestic battery regarding an incident at a Hanna City residence.

A Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputy was dispatched shortly after 12:30 a.m. March 28 to the 12500 block of W. Farmington Rd. regarding a report about a man who hit a female victim in the face.

Reginald T. Duncan II, 34, was arrested shortly after 5:30 a.m. and transported to the Peoria County Jail but was released by court order, according to jail records. The sheriff's-office report was almost entirely redacted.

• **EDWARDS** – Damage roughly a mile wide to crops and trees was reported following a brush fire near Edwards.

Public-safety representatives were summoned shortly after 4:15 p.m. March 26 to Illinois Route 8 and Cottonwood Road. There they found a haze of smoke, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

The property owner said he was burning papers and didn't realize how windy it was getting. He also didn't realize brush was catching fire and it was spreading quickly. No structures or vehicles were damaged, and no injuries were reported.

Firefighters from the Akron-Princeville, Brimfield, Elmwood and Logan-Trivoli departments responded.

• **OAK HILL** – Shortly before 7:45 a.m. March 30, Kimberly A. McSherry of Peoria was driving a westbound 2014 Cadillac SRX4 in the 16200 block of W. Cottonwood Rd. south of Oak Hill when the vehicle struck a deer that emerged from the south. McSherry wasn't injured, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle sustained minor damage and was drivable.

• **EDELSTEIN** – Ronnie L.R. Bodtke, 42, of Edelstein was arrested shortly before 3 a.m. April 14 and was being held for another law-enforcement agency, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

• **GALESBURG** – These were among calls to which the Knox County Sheriff's Office responded between April 5-11: barking dog, Williamsfield; fraud, Dahinda.

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BRIEFS

Local students receive college scholarships

Several local high school seniors recently received scholarships toward their college education.

• Farmington High School senior Madeline Lettow was awarded \$1,250 for the Civic Engagement & Global Living award from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. This award is sponsored by Nann Armstrong, Ron and Melanie Warfield, Mark and Lee Ann Gossett and the Illinois 4-H Foundation.



Lettow



Murphy

• Princeville High School senior Caitlin Murphy was awarded \$1,250 for the Leadership award from the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

This award recognizes youth that have focused on developing leadership skills, including offices held, committees served, programs led and public presentations given on behalf of 4-H. This award is sponsored by Dave and Lisa McMurtry, Andy Edwards, Donna Mueller, Dee Murray, the John F. Bushman State 4-H Scholarship Endowment and Harold and Nancy Diamond.

• Elmwood senior Evan Patterson and Farmington senior Ethan Martin recently received \$1,000 scholarships from the Junior Football League of Central Illinois.

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Et cetera

• BARTONVILLE – Caleb Stevens of Elmwood won an IHSA esports sectional title Saturday at Limestone High School. Stevens took first place in the Super Smash Bros individual competition and advances to the state final Saturday at Evergreen Park.

• Construction of a retaining-wall replacement project near the intersection of Cedar Hills Drive and Singing Woods Road was scheduled to begin on April 27. Cedar Hills Drive will be reduced to one lane with temporary traffic signals during the project. Work is expected to be completed in August.

Princeville man get 13 years for sexual assault

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

PEORIA – A Princeville man is to spend 13 years in state prison for sexually assaulting a teenage female relative.

Jordan W. Gibson, 21, was sentenced April 24 in Peoria County Circuit Court. Prosecutors asked Judge Sean Donahue to sentence Gibson to 15 years, the maximum penalty for

the crime he committed almost 17 months ago. Gibson was found guilty in February, the culmination of a two-day trial. It took the jury only about 20 minutes to convict Gibson of criminal sexual assault.

On Dec. 7, 2024, the 14-year-old victim was helping her family decorate its residence for Christmas when Gibson arrived there. When she went upstairs to her room to put

away laundry, Gibson followed her, pinned her on her bed and assaulted her, according to the Peoria County State's Attorney's Office.

An ensuing hospital examination revealed Gibson's DNA on two areas of the victim's body. Gibson denied having contact with the victim but changed his story after Peoria County Sheriff's Office deputies presented the DNA evidence.

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OBITUARIES

Gene L. Endres
 FARMINGTON – Gene L. Endres, 89, of Farmington, formerly of Brimfield, passed away at 5:49 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at Farmington Village Nursing and Rehabilitation, with his family by his side.

Gene was born March 25, 1937, in Brimfield to John and Alma (Baker) Endres.

Gene married JoAnne Gutshall on Nov. 28, 1959, at Elmwood United Methodist Church. She survives.



Endres

Gene is also survived by four children, Sherry (Bryan) Swindler of Elmwood, Michelle (Don) Forrest of Elmwood, Dianna (Scott) Reicheneker of Washington and Lance Endres of Elmwood; one sister, Mary Lou Taylor; 10 grandchildren, Danielle Hagen, Jennifer Donath, Ian Swindler, Derek Swindler, Chelsie Ingrassia, Haleigh Barlow, Collin Reicheneker, Quinn Endres, Andrew Endres and Emma Endres; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, John Endres, Tom Endres, Ralph Endres and Lester Endres; one sister, Dolores Coulter; and one grandson, Cameron Reicheneker.

Gene was a carpenter and tradesman. He worked at ALCOA/Home Comfort for 16 years. He was a 50-year member of the local Masonic Lodge. Gene was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and Kansas City Chiefs fan. He enjoyed spending time at Rookie's visiting with his friends and playing cards. Most recently, Gene taught his grandson Andrew how to play cards. Gene grew up on a farm and was an avid hunter of squirrels, rabbits, raccoons and deer. He also enjoyed raising coon dogs, chickens and rabbits.

A funeral service was held on Friday, April 24, 2026, at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood. A visitation preceded the service. Burial followed in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Elmwood United Methodist Church.

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

Barbara Cathey
 BRIMFIELD – Barbara Yeager Cathey, 73, of Brimfield, peacefully and gracefully passed away on April 14, 2026, at her home, surrounded by her faithful and dedicated family.

Private entombment will take place at Resurrection Mausoleum and Cemetery in Peoria. A celebration of life will be held from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 30, 2026, at the Peoria County Farm Bureau Park, 6825 N. Kickapoo-Edwards Road, Edwards. Food and drinks will be provided. Barb requested adopters to bring dogs they have adopted from the shelter to the event. Rosenbaum Funeral Home in Gibson City is assisting the family with arrangements.

On Aug. 22, 1953, Barb was born at Methodist Hospital in Peoria, the second daughter of Clarence Freeman "Yeg" Yeager and Marian (Sovereign) Yeager. She married James "Jim" Cathey, on April 21, 1984, at Wildlife Prairie Park in Hanna City. Marriage gifted her a son, James Patrick "Pat" (Debra) Cathey of Laura, and a daughter, Margaret Rebecca "Becky" (Barry) McDewell of Gibson City, who have made her life wonderful. Five much-loved grandchildren have added laughter and pride: Bonny (John) Cotter, Lucas Eyer, Jamie (Anthony) Cathey, Sarah Cathey and Jacob Cathey. Her sister, Gretchen Catton of Peoria, will also miss her dearly.

Barb was preceded in death by her parents and brother-in-law, Howard Catton.

Rose L. Saupe
 BRIMFIELD – Rose L. Saupe, 87, of Brimfield, passed away on April 18, 2026, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Rose was born May 1, 1938, in Batesville, Ark., to Thomas and Dovie (Fuller) Ash.

Rose married Ken Saupe on July 27, 1964, in Pekin. He preceded her in death on Aug. 20, 2025.

Rose leaves behind three daughters, Tina Hasty of Peoria, Kim Strader of Walnut and Tammy Hatten of Pekin; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Rose is preceded in death by her husband, Ken; daughter, Debby; one granddaughter, Jessica; one great-granddaughter, Adrianna; three brothers, JD Ash, Willis Ash and Orville Ash; and three sisters, Pauline Stinson, Ernece Yates and Emnajeon Herndon.

Rose was a homemaker; she spent her time taking care of her family and those around her. She liked to crochet in her free time, spend time with her kids and grandkids and watch Westerns on TV while rocking in her chair. When you visited Rose and Ken, they would often be sitting out on the front porch in their rocking chairs, enjoying each other's company. In her earlier years, she owned an ice cream shop in Delavan where she and Ken enjoyed serving ice cream and talking to the locals.

Rose never met a stranger and always greeted her friends with a loving smile and warm hug. She will be deeply missed by her friends and family.

Per Rose's request, there will be no visitation or services. Her family will plan a celebration of life at a later date.

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Peoria Co. mailing tax bills, Knox Co. delayed

By The Weekly Post

Peoria County Treasurer Branden Martin is asking homeowners and commercial-property owners to watch their mailboxes, as annual real estate tax bills are being mailed this week.

Meanwhile in Knox County, property taxes have been delayed.

The first installment for Peoria County is due June 9 and the second installment is due Sept. 9. Bills will be mailed starting May 1. Martin asks homeowners and commercial-property owners to watch for paper notices in the mail next week and encourages everyone to pay online and on time.

Bills can be viewed online through Peoria County's Property Tax system at propertytax.peoriacounty.org or at www.peoriacounty.gov/TaxPayments.

To pay in person, go to the Peoria County Treasurer's Office, located in the Peoria County Courthouse, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Most Peoria County banks accept real estate tax payments, too. Payments made at banks must include the coupon that is sent with the tax bill. For a full list of banks that participate, visit www.peoriacounty.gov/411.

Payments sent by mail to the Peoria County Treasurer's Office must be postmarked on or before the due date or be subject to a penalty charge. Taxpayers mailing payment should include a parcel number on the check to ensure proper credit. If a self-addressed stamped envelope is included, a receipt will be mailed back.

Credit-card or electronic-check payment options are available to taxpayers who wish to pay over the phone. A convenience fee for credit-card payments will be charged based on the payment amount. Payments made by phone face an additional \$0.95 service fee.

• **Knox County** announced that the mailing of 2025 real estate tax bills is currently delayed. Under Illinois law,

the treasurer's office is legally prohibited from generating or mailing tax bills until the county clerk completes the extension process, which calculates specific tax rates for each district.

Knox County Treasurer Robin Davis said in a press release that the Knox County Clerk's office is still calculating the tax rate.

"My office is fully prepared to mail the bills within approximately three weeks of receiving the finalized data from the clerk," Knox County Treasurer Robin Davis said. "We understand residents need these bills to plan their finances, and we are standing by to complete our portion of the process as soon as the files are 'rolled' to us."

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BIBLE TRIVIA
By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ur (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What is God's act of making the heavens and the earth called? Confirmation, Calvary, Creation, Communion
3. How many books of the Bible begin with the letter "E"? 0, 2, 5, 6
4. What's a person who has changed from one religion to another? Zealot, Convert, Mediator,

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5. From 2 Timothy 1, who was Timothy's devout grandmother? Dorcas, Lydia, Lois, Hannah
6. In biblical times, a daric was a Persian ...? Gold coin, Headwear, Sailing ship, Well.

ANSWERS: 1)) Neither, 2) Creation, 3) Six (Ecclesiastes, Ephesians, Esther, Exodus, Ezekiel, Ezra), 4) Convert, 5) Lois, 6) Gold coins
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Elmwood hires four teachers

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Weekly

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood School Board on Monday approved the hiring of four teachers and several coaches, voted for no change in student fees and heard a tentative agreement has been reached with the local teacher's union.

Hired as teachers for the 2026-27 school year were William Jacobs (junior high ELA), Brianna Mulligan (high school mathematics), Kate Meyers (high school mathematics) and Samantha Sevrens (elementary Bright Futures teacher). All were hired at a salary determined by the collective-bargaining agreement. Meyers also received a one-time \$3,000 bonus.

Hired as coaches for 2026-27 are Cooper Hoffmann (HS girls cross country), Aaron Harmon (JH girls basketball) and Breanne Bell (JH assistant girls basketball coach).

Other hirings include Todd Hollis, Jennifer Williams and Caleb Stevens as IT assistants for the summer at \$15 per hour and Braden Allen, Isaac Good, Nathan DeSplinter and Chloe Yntema as summer custodial helpers at \$15 per hour.

Resignations were accepted from Dash Anderson (elementary physical education teacher and JH boys track coach), Gavin Updyke (JH assistant basketball coach) and Tara Fulton (elementary paraprofessional).

The board also voted to approve no increase in student fees for the 2026-27 school year. Superintendent Joel Schmiege recommended no increase, noting that the board did not want to raise fees in the same year as it raised the levy, which was increased this spring.

Board President Jessica Reyling reported that the district has reached a tentative agreement with the teachers union

for a new contract. Reyling did not provide details in open session but said the agreement is being reviewed by attorneys.

In other business, the board approved its annual \$270 membership fee for the Western Area Purchasing Cooperative, various PRESS policy changes and updates, high school graduates for the Class of 2026 and a list of 8th-grade students for promotion. High school graduation will be May 17, 8th-grade promotion is to be May 22.

Also approved were board meeting dates for next school year as follows: July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 14 and in 2027 on Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 15, April 19, May 17 and June 28. Meetings are at 6 p.m. in the district office.

Board Member Dustin Funk reported that the finance committee met to discuss ways to save money on energy bills next year including batteries, Ameren's Illinois Public School Carbon-Free Assessment program and revisiting solar panels.

Schmiege said the district was selected to take part in the Ameren program, which evaluates buildings, infrastructure and systems to help reduce energy costs. Schmiege said the free program can also lead to potential grants that require such an assessment.

Schmiege said another anonymous donor stepped forward to pay for some outstanding student-lunch balances. Donations were also received for the Industrial Arts program in the form of a \$10,000 donation from the Community Foundation of Central Illinois and \$2,419 from the Claude Keefer Foundation for electrical outlets at an additional welding station.

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.

Qualified projects include exterior repairs and renovations to private residential properties. The covered repairs and renovations include:

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

In Re ESTATE OF
EVELYN JUNE NORTHRUP,
Deceased. CC 2026-PR-0000078

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **EVELYN JUNE NORTHRUP** on January 8, 2026. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **KATHERINE J. LUEDTKE**, of **504 West Albany Avenue, Peoria, Illinois 61604**, 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 **6th day of November, 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 to 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.

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DATED this 15th day of April, 2026.

**KATHERINE J. LUEDTKE, Executor of the
Estate of EVELYN JUNE NORTHRUP,
Deceased.**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the Board of Education of Farmington Central Community Unit School District #265 in the Counties of Fulton, Knox, and Peoria, State of Illinois, that an Amended Budget for 2025-2026 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Farmington Central CUSD #265 District Office, 212 N. Lightfoot Road, Farmington, IL 61531 from the 4th day of May through the 8th day of June, 2026.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held on said Amended Budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026 at 6:30 p.m. on the 8th day of June, 2026 at the Farmington Central CUSD #265 Elementary School Research Center, 108 N. Lightfoot Road, Farmington, IL 61531

DATED this 30th day of April 2026, Board of Education of Farmington Central Community Unit School District #265 in the Counties of Fulton, Knox, and Peoria, State of Illinois.

Dr. Zac Chatterton, Superintendent
Farmington Central CUSD #265

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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

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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
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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**

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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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than the Plaintiff, 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

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

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

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.

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DATED this 8th day of April, 2026.

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

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

In Re ESTATE OF CC 2026-PR-0000079
IVAN E. RICKEY,
Deceased.

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **IVAN E. RICKEY**, on February 21, 2026. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **LINDA J. HANNAH, of 2455 County Road 800N, Varna, Illinois 61375, DENNIS A. RICKEY, of 2727 Singing Woods Road, Dunlap, Illinois 61525, and JAMES E. RICKEY, of 7224 West Streitmatter Road, Princeville, Illinois 61559**, as Executors, 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 representatives or both on or before the 6th day of November, 2026 or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representatives 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 representatives 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.

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DATED this 14th day of April, 2026.

**LINDA J. HANNAH, DENNIS A. RICKEY and
JAMES E. RICKEY, Executors of the Estate of
IVAN E. RICKEY, Deceased.**

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E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-25-06470 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2025-FC-0000197 TJSC#: 46-189

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B-E softball piling up runs amid hot streak

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

Runs were easy to come by over three consecutive days last week for the Brimfield-Elmwood softball team. The same can't be said for the Indians' opponents.

B-E (17-4) won three games by a total of 31-1. Teagan Drury's two-run triple and RBI single highlighted a 10-run first inning April 23 in a 15-0 four-inning victory over LVC. Anja Nelson had two RBI singles in the inning, and Sawyer Drury had a two-run double. She also allowed one hit and struck out eight.

Teagan Drury finished 3-for-4. Reese Legaspi had two doubles and as many RBI. Brooke Allen had a two-run triple in the fourth.

Sawyer Drury was 4-for-4 in an 11-1 five-inning victory April 22 over Annawan-Wethersfield. She doubled in the first and second, tripled in the fourth and fifth and finished with three RBI. Nelson drove in two. Schyer Meinders allowed one hit.

Another one-hitter for the B-E pitching staff came April 21, courtesy of Sawyer Drury in a 5-0 victory over Havana. She struck out 17. Nelson was 2-for-2 with two RBI.

Heading into this week,



Princeville's Claire Sutherland delivers a pitch during a recent game. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

B-E had won eight games in a row and 11 of 12.

"I think we're kind of hitting our stride a little bit," B-E Coach Kurt Juerjens said. "Early on you're dealing with games that aren't played and weather and all that stuff, so you really don't get your feet on the ground."

Juerjens cited Teagan Drury's emergence among factors in his team's surge. The sophomore sister of senior Sawyer Drury is batting .391.

B-E is to play today (April 30) at South Fulton. A game scheduled for Monday against Illini Bluffs was postponed because of rain. B-E is to

play IB on May 14.

"I like where we're at," Juerjens said. "I'd like to pick up a couple more games toward the end of the season against some better competition, to get us ready for the postseason. We just need to play more of those teams that make you play your best."

• **Princeville** – Stark County swept a doubleheader April 24 from Princeville, 14-3 and 11-1. Ali Ehnle, Olivia Stone and Claire Sutherland each had two hits for Princeville (4-17) in the first game. In the second game, Princeville had one hit, an RBI single by Reagan Walsh in the fourth.

Princeville scored four in the fifth inning April 23, but Abingdon-Avon had an RBI double from Avery Stegall in the sixth to win 6-5. Stone had a three-run double in the big Princeville inning.

Aledo Mercer County scored in each of the first six innings April 21 to beat Princeville 13-4. Stone and Kamryn Smith each had two hits. Stone, Sutherland and Walsh had one RBI each. A game scheduled for Monday against Monmouth United was postponed because of rain.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – Hannah Gehring struck out 14 Galva batters April 24

in a 5-1 R-W victory. A three-run third inning, which included Mack Jones' two-RBI single, gave the Cougars (6-10) all the runs they needed. Ella Rigg doubled and scored.

The previous day, Stark County scored three times in the eighth inning to overcome R-W, 9-8.

Brooklynn Ostrowski's RBI single ended the game in the hosts' favor. R-W took an 8-6 lead in the top of the eighth as it scored on an error and on Riley Smith's single.

Smith and Jones each had three RBI. Sophie Pohlman had two doubles. Jones and Rigg each had three hits, and Smith and Emerson Hannam had two.

R-W is to play Thursday at Annawan-Wethersfield, then twice Saturday at United. A game set for Monday against Delavan was postponed because of rain.

• **Farmington** – Although Farmington led early, Morton ended up winning 11-2 on April 24. Cayne Lambin had a two-run single in the second inning to put Farmington (5-12) ahead.

Farmington managed only three hits April 23 in a 10-0 six-inning defeat at Havana.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: What is Indiana Jones' real first name in "Raiders of the Lost Ark"?
- LITERATURE: What is Charlie's last name in the children's book "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What isthmus connects the Asian and African continents?
- MATH: What is the first prime number to follow 19?
- GEOLOGY: What type of rock is formed by cooled lava?
- TELEVISION: What is the title character's famous line in the TV detective show "Columbo"?
- BUSINESS: What company's stock ticker symbol is LUV?
- ASTRONOMY: Which four planets in our solar system have rings?
- HISTORY: About how many people worldwide were infected by the Spanish flu in the early part of the 20th century?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: If an animal eats only plants, what is it called?

Answers

- Henry.
- Bucket.
- Isthmus of Suez.
- 23.
- Igneous.
- "Just one more thing."
- Southwest Airlines.
- Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.
- Nearly one-third of the world's population.
- An herbivore.

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 -v-
 DONNIE LYNN MANNING et al Defendant
 2025-FC-0000188

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 28, 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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 Vs.
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 No. 2026-FC-0000042
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- The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (PG)
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- The Drama (R)
- You, Me & Tuscani (PG-13)
- Hoppers (PG)
- Normal (R)
- BTS World Tour Arirang (NR)
- Busboys (R)
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TRACK: Ostrander sets R-W record in 200, part of three ICAC wins

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Hilman and Isabella Davis.

The Elmwood boys got three individual wins and two relay victories. Darwin Herman won the 400 (SB, 52.47) and Aiden Faulkner ran to first in both the 1,600 (4:34.81) and 3,200 (9:48.3). Faulkner owns the fourth-fastest 3,200 time in Class 1A and the eighth-fastest 1,600.

The quartet of Hason Hubbard, Garrett Webster, Kam Stevenson and Herman won the 4x400 relay in 3:35.86 and the 4x800 of Hubbard, Cole Cahill, Stevenson and Herman won the 4x800 in 8:30.11.

Taven Ostrander had a hand in three of the night's highlights for the R-W boys team. Ostrander broke another school record, this time bettering the 200 time of 22.4 seconds set in 1998 by Aaron Rednour. Ostrander's winning time was 22.2.

"I believe Taven has the

chance to break his own school record in the 200," R-W Coach Chris Campaigna said. "If he has a nice, warm day, I don't think 21s are out of the question."

Earlier this spring, Ostrander broke the school record in the 100, an event he won at the ICAC meet in 11.22 seconds. Ostrander's time of 10.66 is third fastest in Class 1A this spring.

Ostrander also anchored R-W's winning 4x100 relay (45.68) that included Parker Tamburro, Eagan Ostrander and Daniel Skala.

Inclement weather forced E-B to cancel its Trojan Invite on Monday in Elmwood. E-B distance runners will compete in the Morton Distance Gala on Saturday.

R-W is at the United Invite today and the Annawan-Wethersfield Titan Invite on Friday.

• **Farmington** – The Farmington boys won



Collin Carruthers had a season-best throw of 148 feet, 4.25 inches to win discus for Princeville on April 22. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

another team competition, this time taking first at the Tuffy Bowen Invite on April 23 at home with 173 points. Knoxville was next closest in the seven-team field, with 85 points. The Farmers had five individual winners and three first-place relays.

Ethan Martin sprinted to first in the 100 (11.76) and 200 (24.33) and anchored Farmington's first-place 4x100 relay (44.87) and

4x200 relay (1:35.47). Other relay runners were Jackson Ray, Kyle Miller and Noah Fleming in the 4x100 and Fleming, Miller and Treyven Haroldson in the 4x200.

Other individual winners for Farmington were Dax Ulm in the 800 (SB, 2:06.5), Brady Nickel in discus (121-7.5) and Ryan Hell in pole vault (11-5). The other winning relay was the 4x400 (3:46.66) of Barret Demmin, James Kilpatrick, Joshua Ginther and Hayden Sary.

The Farmington girls placed third with 94 points behind winner Knoxville (145) and Lewistown (140). Leading the way with wins were Brielle Herron in the 100 hurdles (17.78) and Claire Price in the pole vault (PB, 8-1.5).

• **Princeville** – The Princes' throwers had a strong outing April 22 in a quad meet that the boys won.

Collin Carruthers uncorked a personal-best throw of 148 feet, 4.25 inches to win the discus and Collin Lowery won

the shot put with a season-best throw of 51-1.75.

Other winners for the Princes were Dawson Freres in the 200 (24.04), Taylor Hess in the 1,600 (SB, 4:48.13), Hunter Keyster in the 3,200 (PB, 10:16.29), the 4x200 relay of Oliver Melick, Eli Christianson, Kaiden Sarnes and James Hunt (1:35.13) and the 4x400 relay of Melick, Hunt, Collin Bowers and Jacob Bosch (3:31.41).

Bethany Sennett won the 800 in a season-best 2:29.51.

BASEBALL: Princes sweep twinbill

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B-E rebounded quickly the next day, though, scoring a 13-2 win over Annawan-Wethersfield. Schatsiek hit a three-run homer during a four-run first inning, and Connor Doe and Brody Kenney had RBI doubles during a five-run second. Layne Johnson had an RBI single.

Last Friday, B-E scored six runs in the first inning en route to a 14-3, five-inning win over ROWVA-Williamsfield. Schatsiek homered, doubled twice and drove in five runs. He also allowed one hit in 3½ innings, with 10 strikeouts. Doe, Kenney and Johnson had multiple hits.

Brimfield-Elmwood won 7-2 on Saturday over West Prairie as Sean Crowe threw a five-hit complete game. He struck out 12 and walked one, and helped his cause with a fifth-inning solo home run.

An anticipated matchup at Farmington was rained out on Monday. It was rescheduled on May 9.

B-E (15-3) had games scheduled Tuesday (Havana), Wednesday (Knoxville) and today (Eureka) before playing LVC on Saturday.

• **Farmington** – Tristan Hendy had a two-run double and Jonah Welker added a run-scoring single in the third inning as Farmington beat Peoria Christian 3-1 on Saturday. Hendy also pitched the final three innings, allowing a run and three hits with five strikeouts.

Bronson Atchley started

and fanned five in two innings.

Farmington (11-4-1) is scheduled to play ROWVA-Williamsfield on Wednesday and West Prairie on Saturday.

• **Princeville** – Carter Peterson powered Princeville to a doubleheader sweep over Stark County on Saturday. The Princes' first baseman doubled three times and drove in four runs in a 20-1 run-rule rout in Game 1, then ripped a three-run homer and added a two-run double in an 8-5 win in Game 2.

Noah Geiger had two hits, scored three times and drove in three runs. Coley Palmer, Hunter Johnson and Cayden Allen also had multiple hits in the opener.

Princeville dropped a pair of games last week, 7-5 against Chillicothe IVC on April 21 and 10-3 to Abingdon-Avon two days later.

Palmer hit a second-inning solo homer against IVC and Geiger was 2-for-

3 with a double and three RBI. A four-run fifth inning propelled A-A, which added three runs in the top of the seventh.

On tap this week for the Princes (9-10) is a doubleheader against Annawan-Wethersfield on Wednesday and a single game against Illini Bluffs on Friday.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CryptoQuote answer

There are three things you can do in a baseball game. You can win, or you can lose, or it can rain.
— Casey Stengel

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E-B girls win ICAC

E-B, R-W athletes set records; Farmington boys win invite

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Weekly Post

ONEIDA – The Elmwood-Brimfield girls placed first and the boys were second at the ICAC track and field meet last Friday at ROWVA High School.

The Lady Trojans upended the defending champion ROWVA-Williamsfield girls team behind seven individual winners, two top relays and two school records.

Ava Forney won the 100-meter dash in a season-best time of 13.49 seconds for E-B, whose other individual winners were Ella Helms in the 200 (personal best, 1:00.51), Bristol Schmidgall in the 1,600 (SB, 5:31.39), Riley Kelly in the 3,200 (12:52.95), Lexi Begner in the long jump (15 feet, 7 inches) and Ashlyn Bertsch in the 100 hurdles (PB, 17.85) and triple jump (PB, 30-8.75). Helms set a school

record in the 400, bettering the former time of 1:00.53 set by Mya Strahm in 2024. Helms has the ninth-fastest clocking in Class 1A so far this spring.

Hill set a record in the 800, placing second in 2:18.53 to eclipse Maggie Carroll's mark of 2:20.07. Hill's time is fourth-fastest in Class 1A.

The quartet of Ava Troglio, Landrie Quiram, Channing Quiram and Helms won the 4x400 relay (4:16.96) and E-B also ran to first in the 4x800 (10:48.64) behind Mya Hill, Taylor Forney, Madalyn Ori and Troglio.

The R-W girls countered with individual wins in four events, a first-place relay and a school record in a second-place finish. Freshman Avery Manning broke the record in the 1,600, finishing with a personal-best time of 5:37.04. That bettered the 2014 mark of 5:43.58 set



Princeville senior Collin Lowery posted a season-best throw of 51 feet, 1.75 inches in a home track meet on April 22. Lowery ranks 15th in Class 1A so far this spring in shot put. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

by Courtney Melton.

Winners for the Cougars were Brooke Stickle in the 300 hurdles (SB, 50.42), Alivia Jones in high jump (4-7.75) and Megyn Erbacher in the shot put (SB,

35-0.75) and discus (PB, 115-1). R-W's relay win came in the 4x100 thanks to a 53.74-second clocking by Taina Bruner, Maddi McGarry, Payton

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ROWVA baseball scores five TDs

Cougars score 22 runs in first, go on to 32-12 four-inning win

By **ANDY LATORA**

For The Weekly Post

ROWVA-Williamsfield's baseball team put up football numbers April 23 against Stark County.

The Cougars scored 22 runs in the top of the first inning and added 10 more in the fourth in a 32-12

Carter Smith was 4-for-4 with three doubles and six RBI, Nick Little had an RBI double and a two-run single in the first and Zander Vest had a two-run triple and a pair of two-run doubles in the first inning. Cooper Smith was 3-for-4 with three RBI and three runs scored.

Orion got an RBI double in the top of the seventh to score a 6-5 victory over R-W on April 21. Little had three doubles and two RBI and Brody Lytle drove in three runs. Keagan Gerlach had two hits and scored

twice.

The next day, R-W beat West Central 11-1 in five innings as Lytle had a pair of doubles and notched 11 strikeouts in a two-hit complete game.

A day after R-W's scoring-fest against Stark County, Brimfield-Elmwood held the Cougars to one hit, a Drake DeJaynes double, in 14-3 five-inning win.

R-W (10-7) was scheduled to play Farmington on Wednesday and Annawan-Wethersfield today before a doubleheader Saturday against Monmouth United.

• **Brimfield-Elmwood** –

The Indians dropped a 10-6 decision to Abingdon-Avon on April 21, when Dane Fagerburg socked a three-run homer and singled twice. Kaeden Schatsiek had a double among his three hits.

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